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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPI. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF BALL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS BEEN RECENTLY APPOINTED UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE. BORN DECEMBER TWO ONE, ONE NINE ZERO NINE, DESMOINES, IOWA, AND RESIDES WDC. CHECK APPROPRIATE BARS AND BAR ASSOCIATIONS. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR COMPLETE BACKGROUND DATA. CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION MAKING CERTAIN YOUR REPORTS ARE ACCURATE. COMPLETE NAMES AND CURRENT ADDRESSES OF ALL IMMEDIATE RELATIVES MUST BE ASCERTAINED BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE CHECKS MADE CONCERNING EACH. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE. ASSIGN SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO INSURE THAT BUDED OF JANUARY ONE NINE NEXT IS MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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TO W/ SACS WASHINGTON FIELD CHICAGO ST. LOUIS  
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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) DATE: JAN. 19, 1961

FROM : SAC, WFO

(File 161-114 )

SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
SPI

Re Butel 1/12/61.

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 1/19/61

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Reason for the delinquency: Investigation delayed because BALL is personally acquainted with top level government officials who are unavailable because of inauguration. 'P' report in dictation Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 1/23 will be submitted 1/23/61.

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

J.E.G.

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☐ Subversive References Only  
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☐ Main \_\_\_\_\_ References Only

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☒ Restricted to Locality of Eng. Ill, + Area  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject Edna Wildman Ball  
 Birthdate & Place 5-27-1880 Eng.  
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NOTE: Ball is currently under investigation in connection with the request from the Kennedy Administration.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 2/3/61

FROM : C. H. Stanley

SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BACKGROUND

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Special inquiry opened January 12, 1961, at request of Kennedy Administration. He has been appointed Under Secretary of State.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Ball is a graduate of Northwestern University and practices law in Washington, D. C., with the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Ball. During the War, he served with the War Department, the Foreign Economic Administration, Lend-Lease Administration, and the Office of Emergency Management.

Ball has been a registered Agent with the Department of Justice for the French government since 1948 as well as Venezuela, the European Coal and Steel Community, the National Cuban Sugar Mills Owners Association, the Cuban Sugar Cane Growers Association, the European Economic Commission and the European Atomic Energy Commission. A United States Information Service dispatch from Paris in October, 1958, reveals that Ball is the sponsor of "Amerique Actuelle." A lead is still outstanding in an effort to verify this association.

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Ball represented Henry Wallace in his appearance before the Senate Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act regarding Wallace's testimony relating to the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Enclosures (2) sent  
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\*Stephen Laird edits the French counterpart of this publication which is called "France Actuelle." In 1956 Laird furnished information to a State Department representative that he attended Communist Party meetings prior to 1939<sup>and</sup> admitted expressing pro-communist sentiments.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

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Ball, together with another attorney from his firm, represented Jefferson Franklin Ray, Jr., in proceedings before a review board hearing. Ray had been investigated in 1949 under the Loyalty Program while an employee of the Economic Cooperation Administration. While under investigation, Ray reportedly had stated that an FBI Agent had told an interviewee that the entire Institute of Pacific Relations personnel were communists. Ray was formerly employed by IPR. The allegation lacked foundation. During the hearings Ball indicated that he believed the statement, that an Agent had made such remarks, was accurate. Because of this the Bureau instructed Washington Field in 1950, in connection with an applicant-type investigation involving Ray for the Voice of America, not to interview Ball in connection with the investigation of Ray. Ball has subsequently been interviewed on other matters and there have been no incidents. This information has not been included in the summary memorandum.

No additional pertinent information appears in Bureau files concerning Ball.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached summary memorandum and cover letter be delivered to Mr. O'Donnell.

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TO : MR. PARSONS *HP*

DATE: January 12, 1961

FROM : A. ROSEN *ARM*

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES  
 KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION

Lawrence O'Brien of the staff of the President-elect, has requested special inquiries on the following individuals:

1. George W. Ball, Washington attorney who has been designated Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.
2. Angier Biddle Duke of New York City who has been designated Chief of Protocol, State Department.
3. W. Willard Wirtz, Chicago law partner of Adlai Stevenson, who has been designated Under Secretary of Labor.

These are being ordered for immediate investigation.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr  
 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC SPRINGFIELD  
FROM SAC CHICAGO 161-89

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Reporting Office <i>SPRINGFIELD</i>	Office of Origin <i>BUREAU</i>	Date <i>1-16-61</i>	Investigative Period <i>1-16-61</i>
TITLE OF CASE  <i>GEORGE WILDMAN BALL</i>		Report made by <i>SA WILLIAM A. TEMPLE</i>	Typed By: <i>djs</i>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <i>SPECIAL INQUIRY</i>	

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE

*Chicago teletype to Director and Springfield dated  
January 13, 1961.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM A. TEMPLE  
Date: January 16, 1961

Office: Springfield

Field Office File No.: SI 161-20

Bureau File No.:

Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

GEORGE W. BALL passed Illinois State Bar examination in July, 1933, admitted Illinois State Bar October 11, 1934, and is not a member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

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DETAILS:

ILLINOIS STATE BAR EXAMINATION

[redacted] Secretary of the Illinois State Board of Law Examiners, advised that GEORGE W. BALL, 1222 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois, was born December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa. He attended Northwestern University, receiving BA Degree, and Northwestern University Law School from September, 1930, to June, 1933, when he graduated. BALL passed Illinois State Bar examination in July, 1933.

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ADMISSION TO ILLINOIS STATE BAR

[redacted] Office of the Clerk of the Illinois State Supreme Court, advised that the records of that office reflect that GEORGE W. BALL was admitted to the Illinois State Bar on October 11, 1934, by examination from Cook County, Illinois, and is a member in good standing. He stated that all disbarment proceedings had to originate in their office and none had been filed against BALL.

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ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

[redacted] [redacted] Illinois State Bar Association, advised that BALL was not a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and no complaints had been lodged with the association against BALL.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE WILDMAN BALL</b>		Report made by <b>GEORGE W. H. CARLSON</b>	Typed By: <b>djp</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

Synopsis:

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Report of: GEORGE W. H. CARLSON Office: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
Date: January 17, 1961  
Field Office File No.: 161-11 Bureau File No.:  
Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

LEON GREEN, Professor of Law, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, advised he remembered BALL as one of his former law students at Northwestern University Law School. He stated BALL was an excellent law student, practiced law successfully and is a man of high integrity. GREEN also advised BALL's entire family highly respected.

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DETAILS:

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS:

On January 17, 1961, Mr. LEON GREEN, Professor of Law, The University of Texas School of Law, informed that he formerly taught at Northwestern University Law School and he remembered BALL as one of his former law students at Northwestern University Law School. He related that BALL was an excellent law student, highly intelligent and well qualified. Mr. GREEN advised that BALL has practiced law successfully, is ethical and is a man of high integrity. He stated that he, GREEN, is acquainted with the entire BALL family, who are highly respected and loyal Americans. He stated he has no hesitancy in recommending BALL for a position of trust in the U. S. Government.

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REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF BALL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE. BORN DECEMBER TWO ONE, ONE NINE ZERO NINE, DES MOINES, IOWA, AND RESIDES WASHINGTON, D. C. CHECK APPROPRIATE BARS AND BAR ASSOCIATIONS. SEE WHOS WHO FOR COMPLETE BACKGROUND DATA. IS MEMBER OF FIRM CLEARY, GOTTILIEB, STEEN AND HAMILTON, FIVE TWO WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE MAIN OFFICE OF THIS FIRM IS IN NEW YORK AND GEORGE E. CLEARY, LEO GOTTILIEB, MELVIN C. STEEN AND JUDGE HENRY J. FRIENDLY, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, ARE ALL IN NEW YORK. EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AND ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND SHOULD BE LOCATED THIS OFFICE. BALLS

BROTHERS STURART S.

BALL, ATTORNEY, PRACTICING IN CHICAGO, RESIDES TWO THREE THREE

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ATTORNEY, RESIDING SIX MILBURN PARK, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.  
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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPI. REBUTEL ONE TWELVE LAST. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. BALL HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE AND RESIDES WASHINGTON, D.C. BORN DECEMBER TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN ZERO NINE, DESMOINES, IOWA. SEE QUOTE WHO-S WHO UNQUOTE FOR BACKGROUND. BALL RECEIVED JD DEGREE, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, SIX FIVE THIRTY THREE, AND NO ONE AT THAT UNIVERSITY NOW RECALLS BALL. HIS RECORD AT NORTHWESTERN INDICATES LEON GREEN, FORMER DEAN OF LAW SCHOOL, NOW AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, WAS FRIENDLY TO BALL. SAN ANTONIO INTERVIEW LEON GREEN. BUDED ONE NINETEEN NEXT.

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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
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"Who's Who" reveals appointee employed as  
general counsel for the French Supply Council, Washington,  
D. C., 1945-46. WFO will contact the French Embassy  
to verify the above mentioned employment, UACB.

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TITLE OF CASE  GEORGE WILDMAN BALL		Report made by E. FRANCIS MC CARTHY	Typed By: lbb
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

GEORGE E. CLEARY of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, advised SA E. FRANCIS MC CARTHY that no employment records as such are maintained regarding the appointee. He pointed out that he has personnel records of employees but not for the partners.

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## Copy to:

Report of: E. FRANCIS MC CARTHY Office: New York, New York  
Date: 1/18/61  
Field Office File No.: NY 161-111 Bureau File No.:  
Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Federal Judge HENRY J. FRIENDLY, US Court of Appeals, and GEORGE E. CLEARY, MELVIN STEEN and LEO GOTTLIEB of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, have known appointee since 1946, when he joined this firm. Since then he has been associated with this firm as a partner in their Washington, D. C. office. FOWLER HAMILTON has known BALL since 1940. All recommended BALL without reservation from standpoint of character, reputation and loyalty. Each described him as a man of outstanding ability, fully qualified for position of trust requiring judgment.

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DETAILS

Associates

GEORGE E. CLEARY of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, 52 Wall Street, New York City, advised that he first met GEORGE BALL in 1946 when he joined this firm as a partner. During this period he has been associated with them in their Washington, D. C. office, and has also lived in Washington during this period. CLEARY stated he did not know the appointee prior to 1946, but since then he has visited with BALL at his home, and likewise BALL has visited in CLEARY's home. He added that he was sorry to lose the services of the appointee because of his outstanding ability and energy. CLEARY declared that from the standpoint of character, reputation and loyalty to this country, he would recommend BALL without the slightest reservation for any position in the government requiring judgment and ability.

LEO GOTTLIEB and MELVIN STEEN, of the above law firm, stated that they too have known the appointee since his entry into the firm in July, 1946. Both advised that they would have no reservations whatsoever about recommending BALL as a loyal, patriotic American of unimpeachable character and reputation. Both stated that regarding the appointee's qualifications, they had the utmost respect for his ability when he first joined the firm, and that this respect has grown in the succeeding years. They said he has done a tremendous job for the firm nationally and internationally. GOTTLIEB and STEEN concluded by saying that they too know the appointee's family and have no reason to doubt the loyalty, character or reputation of any member.

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On January 18, 1961, Judge HENRY J. FRIENDLY, United States Court of Appeals, Southern District of New York, Foley Square, New York, New York, advised SA [ ] [ ] that he has been acquainted with the appointee since 1946. He added that the appointee is his former law partner and he has known him socially as well as professionally. He stated that the appointee and his family are persons of excellent character and are unquestionably loyal to the United States. He further added that the appointee is a person of very high caliber, integrity, and is completely honest and trustworthy. He recommended the appointee for any position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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FWLER HAMILTON advised that he has known GEORGE BALL since 1940. He added that he did not see BALL between 1940 and 1944, when he again became associated with him on the United States Air Force Strategic Bombing Survey. Since then he has been intimately associated with the appointee and he mentioned that it was at his urging that BALL was persuaded to join this law firm. HAMILTON declared he would characterize BALL as a man of fine character and unquestionable loyalty to the country. He added that BALL is quite familiar with the problems of dealing with the forces hostile to this country and to its form of government, both here and abroad. HAMILTON stated further that he is certain that all the appointee's family members are as loyal and reputable as the appointee is, and he could conceive of no reason to withhold or qualify his recommending BALL for a position of trust and confidence, particularly one requiring judgment, integrity and ability.

The above mentioned law partners all stated that the appointee's practice has been exclusively out of their Washington office, and he has never practiced law or resided in the New York City area.

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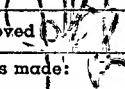
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE WILDMAN BALL</b>		Report made by <b>SA LOUIS S. CRAIG</b>	Typed By: <b>KMD</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Washington Field dated 1/12/61.  
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## Copy to:

Report of: SA LOUIS S. CRAIG Office: CHICAGO  
Date: 1/18/61  
Field Office File No.: 161-89 Bureau File No.:  
Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Education, Northwestern University, Chicago and Evanston, Illinois, verified and favorable. Employment by two law firms, Chicago, and affiliation Chicago and American Bar Associations verified. Persons acquainted with appointee recommend. No adverse credit information or arrest record for appointee or brothers, RALPH and STUART, located Chicago or Evanston, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

Education

Northwestern University  
Evanston and Chicago, Illinois

On January 16, 1961, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Northwestern University, Chicago Avenue Campus, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] from the academic record of GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, who was born December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa, that BALL entered the university's undergraduate school at Evanston, Illinois, in September, 1926, and remained in attendance until June 5, 1930, when he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He entered the university's law school at Chicago on September 24, 1930, and remained in attendance until June 5, 1933, when he received his J. D. degree.

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[redacted] further stated that BALL was elected to the Order of the Coif, an honor society, reserved for those students at the top 10 per cent of their class. He was also a member of the Legal Publication Board, membership on which is also reserved for "top grade" students. She concluded that BALL's record contained no information of an adverse nature whatever.

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On January 17, 1961, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] he had GEORGE BALL as a student in class during his senior year in law school. [redacted] said he came to know BALL quite well in the years following his graduation from the law school and during the war years worked with BALL in Washington, D. C. He said he continues to see BALL from time to time and said he considers BALL to be a person of excellent character and that he has like associates. [redacted] further stated he knows BALL and his family to enjoy an excellent reputation, that he is highly liked by all who know him, and he considers him to be an excellent lawyer. He also said that BALL would be an asset to any organization that had him as a member, and as he knows him to be a person whose loyalty is above reproach, he would highly recommend him for any position of trust.

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On January 17, 1961, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] he knows of GEORGE BALL on a professional basis, but he has not seen him for many years. [redacted] said BALL has a brother who was an attorney for the university for many years and another brother who is an attorney and at one time was the attorney for Montgomery Ward Company and later for a short time was its president. [redacted] said that to the best of his knowledge GEORGE BALL and his brothers are all persons of good character and has known them to enjoy an excellent reputation. He said he knows the appointee's brothers better than the appointee himself, but indicated he has never known nor heard anything of an adverse nature concerning GEORGE BALL; and as he has no reason to doubt his loyalty, would recommend him for a position of trust.

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Employment

Defrees, Buckingham, Jones and Hoffman, Law Firm  
105 South La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On January 16, 1961, [redacted] Defrees, Fish, Thompson, and Simmons Law Firm, 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that GEORGE BALL was formerly associated with this firm from about 1935 to 1938, when the firm was known as Defrees, Buckingham, Jones, and Hoffman. He stated that he and BALL became employees of the firm at about the same time, and they came to know each other quite well during the three or four years that they worked together. He described BALL as an extremely able attorney and one of the brightest men of his acquaintances. He stated BALL went to Washington, D. C., in about 1942 to work for the government and has been there ever since, to the best of his knowledge. He further advised that he sees BALL today on infrequent occasions; however, he would recommend him for the position involved without qualification.

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[redacted] further advised that BALL's father, who is now deceased, was a former vice president of Standard Oil Company of Indiana. His mother has been dead for several years; however, he has two brothers, namely, STUART S. BALL, who is presently with the firm of Sidley, Austin, Burgess, and Smith located at 11 South La Salle Street, Chicago, who resides at

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2331 Orrington, Evanston, Illinois; and RALPH K. BALL, a member of the law firm of Shanesy, Hobbs, and Ball, 303 State Bank Building, Evanston, Illinois, and who resides at 6 Milburn Park, Evanston, Illinois. STUART BALL was at one time secretary and later president for a brief period of Montgomery Ward and Company in Chicago. [redacted] concluded that he has always held all members of the BALL family in the highest regard.

On January 16, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] advised he has been a long-time friend of the appointee, dating back to the days when they worked together in this firm during the late 1930's. The appointee joined another firm in Chicago in about 1938 or 1939 and then went to Washington, D. C., during the early 1940's, where he has worked ever since. He stated he considers the appointee as a close friend and they exchange visits whenever possible. He described the appointee as a very able man who is "sound in all directions." He stated that they hold opposite political views insofar as the two major political parties are concerned; however, the appointee has always exhibited sound judgment and has never been "wild eyed or radical" about politics. He further stated that he is well acquainted with the appointee's brothers, RALPH and STUART, whom he considers to be highly competent attorneys. [redacted] concluded that he would highly recommend the appointee for the position involved on the basis of his reputation, moral character, associates, loyalty to this country, and ability.

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Sidley, Mc Pherson, Austin, and Burgess  
11 South La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On January 17, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] Sidley, Austin, Burgess, and Smith advised that this firm was formerly known as Sidley, Mc Pherson, Austin, and Burgess. He stated he, [redacted] at which time the appointee was already working for the firm. He advised he has not seen the appointee in several years; however, during his association with him, he considered him to be a likable, competent, and capable attorney. The appointee went to Washington, D. C., to work for the United States Government during the early 1940's and thereafter became interested in foreign affairs. He further advised that there is absolutely no question in his mind concerning the appointee's moral conduct, associates, or loyalty to this country, and he firmly believes that the appointee would do a competent job in any position offered him, and he knows of no reason why he should not be considered for such a position.

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Affiliation

Chicago Bar Association  
29 South La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On January 16, 1961, [redacted] advised from records that GEORGE W. BALL, who was born December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa, and who resided at 1235 Bennett, Evanston, Illinois, and who was employed by the law firm of Defrees, Buckingham, Jones, and Hoffman at 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago, was elected to membership in the Chicago Bar Association on May 13, 1935. She concluded that the associations's records contain no information of an adverse nature concerning BALL. She added that according to his record, BALL was transferred to the list of non-resident members as of June 1, 1942.

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American Bar Association (ABA)  
1155 East 60th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On January 13, 1961, [redacted] Membership Section, advised that according to the association's files GEORGE W. BALL, who was born December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa, and who was admitted to practice before the Illinois State Bar in 1934, was elected to membership in the ABA on February 12, 1938.

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[redacted] further stated that according to the records GEORGE W. BALL, Esquire, mailing address Southern Building, Washington 5, D. C., not further identified, but believed identifiable with the appointee, resigned from the ABA on January 5, 1953. She concluded that the association's files contain no information of an adverse nature concerning BALL.

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Credit and Arrest

On January 16, 1961, [redacted] Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, advised Investigative Clerk (IC) [redacted] that a search of the Bureau's files reveal no information identifiable with the appointee.

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[ ] advised IC [ ] on January 17, 1961, that RALPH K. BALL, an attorney for Northwestern University as of April 12, 1940 and September 3, 1947, resided at 3017 Bunker Lane, Wilmette, Illinois, as of September 3, 1947, having previously resided at 829 Ridge Terrace, Evanston, Illinois, as of April 12, 1940. She stated the files contain no information of an adverse nature regarding RALPH BALL.

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[ ] further advised IC [ ] on January 17, 1961, from an undated credit report that STUART SCOBLE BALL [ ] resided at 2331 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, Mr. BALL having been employed as secretary in the treasurer's office of Montgomery Ward and Company, 619 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, since October 15, 1932. [ ] concluded that her files contain no information of an adverse nature concerning STUART S. BALL.

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On January 17, 1961, the files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, were searched by IC [ ] and no arrest record identifiable with the appointee was located.

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These files contained no information identifiable with the appointee's brothers, RALPH K. and STUART S. BALL.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on January 18, 1961, [redacted] RALPH K. BALL, brother of GEORGE WILDMAN BALL and that [redacted] reside at the foregoing address.

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advised SA [redacted] on January 18, 1961 that STUART S. BALL, brother of the appointee, presently resides at 2331 Orrington Avenue, Evanston.

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[redacted] Evanston Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Evanston, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] [redacted] on January 16, 1961 that the files of that agency contained no reference to the appointee.

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[redacted] Evanston Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Evanston, advised SA [redacted] on January 17, 1961, that credit files of that firm indicated RALPH K. BALL and STUART S. BALL possessed excellent credit records in the community. [redacted] noted that RALPH K. BALL has been a member of the legal firm of Shanesy, Hobbs and Ball in Evanston since 1955 having been employed previously as head of the Northwestern University Legal Department in Evanston. Also noted that STUART S. BALL, an attorney, has been a member of the firm Smidley, Austin, Burgess and Smith in Chicago since 1953 and has been previously employed as president of Montgomery Ward and Company, Chicago.

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[redacted] Bureau of Identification, Evanston, Illinois Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on January 16, 1961, that his files contained no reference to the appointee.

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On January 17, 1961, [redacted] informed SA [redacted] that there was no arrest record in the files of the Evanston Police Department pertaining to RALPH K. BALL or STUART S. BALL.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE WILDMAN BALL</b>		Report made by <b>IC ERWIN W. LAUGEMAN</b>	Typed By: <b>km</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Bureau teletypes dated 1/12/61 and 1/16/61  
Washington Field Teletype dated 1/18/61  
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Report of: IC ERWIN W. LAUGEMAN      Office: ST. LOUIS  
Date: JANUARY 18, 1961  
Field Office File No.: SL 161-113      Bureau File No.:  
Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records FRC, GSA, St. Louis, Mo., indicated GEORGE WILDMAN BALL employed by Farm Credit Administration, Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation. Employed by Treasury Dept., Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation. Employed by OEM, Wash., D.C. Transferred to FEA. Terminated by reason of transfer. Employed by War Dept., Wash., D.C. Transferred to U.S. SBS, London, England. Terminated by reason of completion of assignment. Addresses and relatives set forth.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On January 18, 1961 a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for GEORGE WILDMAN BALL indicated that he was employed on May 29, 1933 as an Expert (Legal Research) with the Farm Credit Administration, Crop Production Loan Office, Legal Division, at Washington, D.C. This employment was terminated on April 30, 1934 in the same position by reason of resignation to accept a position with the Treasury Department.

He was employed on May 1, 1934 as an Attorney with the Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, at Washington, D.C. This employment was terminated on April 2, 1935 as an Assistant to an Assistant General Counsel by reason of resignation, details not shown.

He was employed on April 1, 1942 as a Principal Attorney with the Office for Emergency Management, Office of the Counsel, at Washington, D.C. Effective June 1, 1942, he received an intra-agency transfer to the Office of Lend-Lease Administration. On April 22, 1944 he was transferred to the Foreign Economic Administration due to consolidation of the Office of Lend-Lease. This employment was terminated on August 29, 1944 as an Associate General Counsel by reason of transfer to the War Department.

He was employed on August 30, 1944 as an Operations Analyst, per diem basis, with the War Department, Headquarters Army Air Forces, Office of the Chief of Management Control, Operations Analysis Division, at Washington, D.C. Effective December 19, 1944 he converted to a War Service Appointment, as a Bombing Research Analyst with the Army Air Force Evaluation Board, European Theater of Operations, at Washington, D.C. Effective January 16, 1945, he was transferred to the United States Strategic Bombing Survey, London, England. This employment was terminated on September 8, 1945 as Director, United States Strategic Bombing Survey, by reason of completion of assignment.

He listed additional addresses from 1933 to 1935, 417 Warren Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia; 3246 North Abingdon Street, Country Club Hills, Arlington, Virginia, (November, 1942), and 2908 Ablemarle Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., (August, 1944).

He listed STUART BALL, brother, Montgomery Ward, Chicago, Illinois, (1944), and RALPH K. BALL, brother, Business Office, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, (1944).

The date and place of birth were shown as December 21, 1909 at Des Moines, Iowa.

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COMPLETE BACKGROUND DATA. BALL REPORTEDLY WELL ACQUAINTED  
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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE BUREAU TELETYPE  
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OF COLUMBIA, REVEALED APPOINTEE EMPLOYED MAY, THIRTYTHREE, TO  
MAY, THIRTYFOUR, IN OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, FARM CREDIT  
ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
EMPLOYED APRIL, THIRTYFIVE, TO JANUARY, THIRTYNINE, WITH LAW  
FIRM DEFREES, BUCKINGHAM, JONES AND HOFFMAN, ONE ZERO FIVE  
SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FROM JANUARY,  
THIRTYNINE, TO APRIL, FORTYTWO, WITH FIRM OF SIDLEY, MC PHERSON,  
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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE WASHINGTON FIELD  
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Bureau File No.:

Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[redacted] advised he has been acquainted with GEORGE WILDMAN BALL since fall of 1950. [redacted] formerly employed in law firm of which Mr. BALL is senior partner. [redacted] considers Mr. BALL and family as individuals of highest moral character, reputation, associations and to be loyal Americans.

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## DETAILS:

At New Haven, Connecticut

On January 19, 1961, [redacted] advised that he has been acquainted with GEORGE WILDMAN BALL since the fall of 1950 when [redacted] of the New York office of the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Hamilton. [redacted] stated this law firm has two other offices located in Washington, D. C., and Paris, France, and is known under the firm name of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Ball, of which Mr. BALL is a senior partner.

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[redacted] advised that in [redacted] of the [redacted] office of this law firm and remained in that position until [redacted] when he resigned to accept his present position at [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he considers Mr. BALL a close personal friend and has been in frequent contact with him since 1956. [redacted] advised he is also acquainted with Mr. BALL's [redacted] [redacted] stated he has the highest respect for Mr. BALL as an attorney and as an individual. He stated that in his opinion the entire BALL family

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are individuals of excellent moral character, reputation and associations and are loyal Americans.

[redacted] concluded by stating he would recommend Mr. BALL for a position of responsibility in the United States Government without hesitation.

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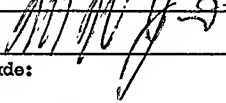

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

HCUA records were not checked because of their unavailability at this time.

It will be noted the current "Who's Who" reveals GEORGE WILDMAN BALL was employed as Associate General Counsel with the Lend-Lease Administration, then the Foreign Economics Administration from 1942 to 1944. This organization went out of existence in 1945 and all records have been forwarded to the Federal Records Center.

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It was also pointed out GEORGE W. BALL was Counsel for HENRY A. WALLACE in his testimony before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary in October, 1951, concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations. Leads have been set out by the WFO to contact several Senators who were members of this committee for information concerning the appointee.

It will also be noted the appointee was the political campaign manager for ADLAI STEVENSON during his presidential campaigns. It has also been reported the appointee is a close friend and associate of Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. STEVENSON is on the DO NOT CONTACT LIST and will not be contacted.

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will attempt to verify employment record U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey at Archives.
2. Will contact CHESTER BOWLES and other State Department officials reportedly acquainted with appointee.
3. Will contact senators who were present at the testimony of HENRY A. WALLACE before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary.
4. Will attempt to verify appointee's sponsorship of "Amerique Actuelle."
5.  Will report results of a check of credit and police department records in Arlington and Alexandria, Virginia.
6. Check Foreign Agents Registration Section, Dept. of Justice.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment verified, law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly, and Ball. Associates and neighbors commented favorably and recommend. No employment record French Supply Council. Employment verified Treasury Department and Farm Credit Administration. Credit satisfactory. No police department record for appointee and wife.

Passport records set forth.

Admitted to practice before US District Court for DC. No complaints recorded. Nothing additional CSC. No record State Security or Secret Service. No additional pertinent information newspaper library. GEORGE W. BALL attorney for HENRY A. WALLACE in testimony before Committee on the Judiciary, US Senate.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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EMPLOYMENT

Law Firm of Cleary, Gottlieb,  
Friendly, and Ball

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
HOWARD G. J. FISHER:

[redacted] Clerry, Gottlieb,  
Friendly, and Ball, Attorneys, Southern Building, Washington,  
D. C., on January 17, 1961, advised that she has been the appointee's

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[redacted] the appointee at the Department of State. [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that her time is equally spent between applicant's

[ ] stated that in 1946 the appointee established the law firm and is the senior member of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly, and Ball. [ ] stated further that during the presidential campaigns of ADLAI STEVENSON the appointee was on the campaign staff for ADLAI STEVENSON and was very active on the behalf of ADLAI STEVENSON's candidacy for the office of the Presidency of the United States. [ ] further stated that the appointee is a highly respected member of the legal profession and the appointee functions as the firm's representative on Capitol Hill. The appointee has appeared before various committees from time to time on Capitol Hill. [ ] stated further that over the years since 1946 the appointee has been in close contact with the Department of State through the appointee's interest and profession as specialist in the Field of Internal Security Law problems. [ ] stated further that the appointee is the only principal member of the firm in Washington, D. C., and the firm's main office is located in New York City. The firm also maintains offices at Paris, France, and Brussels, Belgium. [ ] stated that she considers the appointee to be a person who is a highly respected member of the legal profession and a person of good character, associates, reputation, and loyal to the United States Government. [ ] further stated that she would highly recommend the appointee for a high level position in the United States Government.

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[ ] law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly, and Ball, Southern Building, on January 18, 1961, advised that he has been associated with the firm and the appointee as an attorney since 1958. [ ] stated that the appointee for the most part represents the firm on Capitol Hill. [ ] stated further that he considers the appointee to be an outstanding member of the legal profession and a person of good character, associates, reputation, and loyal to the United States Government. [ ] stated further that he would highly recommend the appointee for a high level government position.

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[ ] law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly, and Ball, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., on January 18, 1961, advised that he has been associated with the firm and the appointee for approximately ten years. [ ] stated that the firm specializes in internal security law problems, and because of this and allied problems arising in various litigations, the appointee, as senior member of the firm, handles most of the contact and hearings in which the firm has interest in on Capitol Hill. [ ] stated further that the appointee has an excellent professional reputation and he considers the appointee to be a person of good character, associates, reputation, and loyal to the United States Government. Further, he would highly recommend the appointee for a high level position with the United States Government.

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[redacted] law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly, and Ball, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., advised on January 13, 1961, that he has been associated with the firm since 1960. [redacted] stated that the appointee is a senior member of the firm and in charge of the firm's Washington office. [redacted] stated further that the appointee is a respected member of the legal profession and he considers the appointee to be a person of good character, associates, reputation, and loyal to the United States Government. Further, he would highly recommend the appointee for a high level position with the United States Government.

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French Supply Council

On January 18, 1961, [redacted] advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER the records of employees of the French Supply Council have not been retained since 1948. She was unable to furnish any information concerning the appointee.

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United States Treasury Department

On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Office of General Counsel, United States Treasury Department, made available the service record card for GEORGE W. BALL, which reveals he was born on December 21, 1909, at Evanston, Illinois. The card revealed he was employed with the United States Treasury Department as an attorney on May 1, 1934, and resigned on April 2, 1935. This card contained no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted] stated she knew of no one presently employed with the Treasury Department who might recall Mr. BALL.

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Farm Credit Administration,  
Department of Agriculture

On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Personnel Office, Farm Credit Administration, Department of Agriculture, made available the service record card for GEORGE W. BALL to SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS. This card revealed Mr. BALL was born on December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa, and he was appointed as Legal Research, Farm Credit Administration, May 27, 1933, and resigned on April 20, 1934. This card contained no additional pertinent information.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Department of Agriculture, Farm Credit Administration, advised SA SAUNDERS he came with the Farm Credit Administration in October, 1933, and he recalls the name of GEORGE WILDMAN BALL having been employed with the Administration in 1933 and 1934, but does not recall him personally and is unable to specifically comment on his character and loyalty to the government.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Department of Agriculture, advised SA SAUNDERS he was with the Farm Credit Administration in 1933 and recalls the appointee. He stated Mr. BALL worked at Farm Credit Administration as an attorney for approximately one year in 1933 and 1934 and went to the Treasury Department. He stated he has had no contact with the appointee since 1934. [redacted] said he recalls the appointee's moral character, reputation, associates, and loyalty to the government were unquestioned during the period of time he knew him. He said he would be unable to make a positive recommendation of the appointee at this time due to the lack of contact he has had with the appointee since 1934. [redacted] could suggest no one else with the Department of Agriculture who might recall the appointee.

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RESIDENCE

3100 35th Street, NW

On January 18, 1961, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that of the BALL family and they have been neighbors for approximately two years and social acquaintances for about five years. She stated the BALLs have resided in their present home for more than seven years. She related the two children of Mr. and Mrs. BALL are now grown and have moved away from home and she does not know where they are located.

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[redacted] described the appointee as a man of unquestioned integrity and loyalty and she considered the entire family to be people of excellent character and reputation. She said they have many mutual friends, all of whom are of excellent character and loyal citizens. She said that based on her knowledge of the appointee, she would highly recommend him for Federal service.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] although she has never met the appointee she has been a social acquaintance of his wife for approximately five years. She said the BALL family have resided in their present residence for at least eight years and possibly longer. She reported she and Mrs. BALL attend luncheons and other day time affairs together and have many mutual friends. She related the BALL family are people of excellent moral character and reputation and are loyal American citizens. She mentioned she had never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning any of the family. She stated that based on her knowledge of the appointee, she would recommend him for government service.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] she was temporarily residing at [redacted] taking care of the children of [redacted] while the latter were vacationing in the Virgin Islands. She stated that she did not know the BALLs and did not know if the [redacted] were acquainted with the BALLs.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that although she resides [redacted] she never became acquainted with the residents of that address and does not even know their name.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] she and her husband have been neighbors of the BALL family as well as social acquaintances for approximately seven years. She said they have many mutual friends. She said the appointee and his wife are people of excellent moral character and reputation and loyal citizens. She described the appointee as an outstanding man who has been and still is a great asset to the Federal Government. She said she would highly recommend him for a high level position with the Federal Service.

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With regard to the appointee's [redacted] related she could not recall at the moment where they were and what they were doing, but emphasized they were not living at home. She also stated the appointee was at one time associated with the former Governor of Illinois, ADLAI STEVENSON, in law practice, and that Mr. STEVENSON frequently stays at the BALL residence when visiting Washington, D. C.

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On January 18, 1960, [redacted] b6  
[redacted] advised SA [redacted] she and her husband have been acquainted b7C  
with the appointee and his wife for approximately twenty years.  
She said she could not recall just how long they have been neighbors  
but they have been social acquaintances for many years. She  
described the appointee as a very outstanding man in every respect  
as a loyal citizen, a civil servant, and as an attorney. She  
recommended the appointee for a high level position with the  
Federal Government.

[redacted] also added that ADLAI STEVENSON, the b6  
former Governor of Illinois, frequently stays at the BALL residence b7C  
when he is visiting Washington, D. C. [redacted] could provide  
no pertinent information concerning the appointee's [redacted]

#### CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

On January 16, 1961, IC [redacted] caused a b6  
check to be made of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, which contains b7C  
a credit report dated in June, 1959, for GEORGE W. and RUTH BALL,  
3100 35th Street, NW. This credit report reveals the BALLs have  
a satisfactory credit rating.

The files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, contained b6  
no record of [redacted] or [redacted] b7C

On January 16, 1961, IC [redacted] and SE [redacted] b6  
[redacted] reviewed the files of the Metropolitan Police Department b7C  
and no identifiable record was located for the appointee, or his  
wife, RUTH MURDOCH BALL, [redacted] at all times  
an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and  
not available for review.

The files of the Traffic Division, Metropolitan Police  
Department, revealed that [redacted] b6  
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On January 16, 1961, IC [redacted] caused a b6  
check to be made of the files of the United States Park Police b7C  
and no identifiable record was located for the appointee or his  
relatives.

PASSPORT RECORDS

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on January 16, 1961, disclosed that GEORGE WILDMAN BALL was issued Passport number 250729 on September 16, 1959, at Paris, France, for periodic business trips, principally to Western Europe. He listed his birth as December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa. He listed his legal residence as 3100 35th Street, NW, Washington, D. C. He listed his parents as follows:

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AMOS BALL, born May 3, 1877, at Newton Abbott, Devonshire, England, deceased in 1954; emigrated to United States in 1882, resided in United States from 1882 to death at Evanston, Illinois, obtained citizenship through the naturalization of his father.

EDNA WILDMAN, born May 27, 1880, at Marshal Town, Iowa, deceased in 1955.

He stated that he was married on September 16, 1932 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to RUTH MURDOCH, who was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 4, 1905, and who was residing at 3100 35th Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

He was issued Passport number 772837 on September 14, 1955, for a one-month business trip to France. This passport was renewed on September 11, 1957, for a one-month business trip to France and Italy.

He was issued Passport number 498230 on September 20, 1951, for a one to three month business trip to France, England, and Italy. This passport was renewed on September 14, 1953, for a three to four week business trip to Luxembourg, and France.

He was issued Passport number 94338 on July 18, 1947, for a one-month trip to England, France, Belgium for the purpose of visiting clients. His wife was included in this passport. This passport was amended on September 5, 1947, to exclude wife. This passport was renewed on March 30, 1950, for the purpose of taking a one to two month business trip to France.

He was issued Special Passport number 35036 on January 29, 1944, for travel to Cuba on official business for the Foreign Economic Administration. The files reflected that this passport was revalidated on August 31, 1944, for travel to the British Isles as a civilian employee of the War Department on official business. It was revalidated again on October 13, 1944, for travel to England on official business for the War

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Department. Special Passport number 35036 was amended on November 18, 1944, at London, England, to include France. It was revalidated again on April 12, 1945, for travel to the British Isles on official business for the War Department.

He was issued Passport number 520353 on April 26, 1938, for a three-month pleasure trip to England. His wife was included in this passport.

He was issued Passport number 22060 on April 23, 1929, for a six-month stay abroad for the purpose of education. He indicated that he would visit France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Belgium, and England.

No additional pertinent information was contained in the files.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

On January 17, 1961, SA [ ] caused a check to be made of the Lawyers Register, United States District Court for the District of Columbia and these records reveal the appointee was admitted to practice before this court on January 25, 1946.

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On January 17, 1961, SA [ ] caused a check to be made of the files of the Committee on Admissions and Grievances, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and determined no complaints have been filed against the appointee.

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These records reveal the appointee listed the following additional employments:

5/33-5/34:	Office of the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.
4/35-1/39:	Law firm of Defrees, Buckingham, Jones, and Hoffman, 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.
1/39-4/42:	Law firm of Sidley, McPherson, Austin, and Burgess, 11 La Salle, Chicago, Illinois.

This file contained no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted] Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Washington, on January 18, 1961, advised SA FISHER that the files of the Association contained no record for the appointee.

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[redacted] National Headquarters, Federal Bar Association, 1735 H Street, NW, on January 19, 1961, advised SA FISHER that the files contained no record for the appointee.

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On January 18, 1961, SA [redacted] caused a check to be made of the files of the Security Office, Department of State, and no identifiable record was located for the appointee.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Personnel Section, United States Secret Service, advised SA SAUNDER she had no record for the appointee.

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On January 17, 1961, IC [redacted] caused a check to be made of the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission. These files reveal the appointee was investigated by the Federal Works Agency in June, 1942, in connection with his position as Principal Attorney with the Lend-Lease Administration, Office of Emergency Management. All information reported was of a favorable nature. This file contained no additional pertinent information.

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On January 18, 1961, SA [redacted] caused a check to be made of the Library, "The Evening Star", a Washington Daily newspaper, and these records contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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On October 17, 1951, HENRY A. WALLACE accompanied by GEORGE W. BALL, Counsel, testified in the hearings before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 82nd Congress, First Session, on the Institute of Pacific Relations. Mr. WALLACE's testimony appears from page 1297 to page 1402.

HENRY A. WALLACE was the 1948 candidate for president sponsored by the Progressive Party.

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Information concerning the Progressive Party from the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives:

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Information concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations from the above-mentioned Guide to Subversive Organizations, page 45:

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1. 'The IPR was a vehicle used by the Communists to orientate American far eastern policies toward Communist objectives.' 'Members of the small core of officials and staff members who controlled IPR were either Communist or pro-Communist.' The American Communist Party and Soviet officials considered the organization 'an instrument of Communist policy propaganda and military intelligence.'

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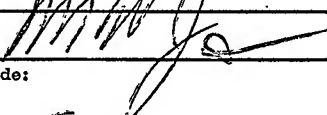
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Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/6/53. at WDC. captioned. [REDACTED] On page 8 of this report BALL was interviewed in February, 1953, wherein he had information concerning the [REDACTED] letter which had been forwarded to him by the National Democratic Committee Headquarters for investigation. It appears BALL also conducted an inquiry in this matter, but had no close association with [REDACTED] In view of the above, this information is not being included in the attached report.

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Reference is made to the report of SA BRONI S. MACYS dated 10/7/49, at Pittsburgh, captioned, "JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS., PURGURY, IS-R, ESPIONAGE - R." This report contains an interview of [redacted] concerning his knowledge of ALGER HISS. On page 4 of this report there appears the following information:

[redacted] stated that additional information might be obtained from one GEORGE BALL, a member of the firm - Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Cox of New York City, which firm HISS had used as consultants in August, 1949. [redacted] requested that his name be treated as confidential if BALL is contacted in regard to this information.

"BALL stated that he was of the opinion HISS was not as bad as painted by CHAMBERS in that he knew as a matter of fact that the enmity between CHAMBERS and HISS grew out of the fact that CHAMBERS, who is an alleged pervert, had been having unnatural relations with HISS's stepson; that HISS found out about it and broke it up; and that he did not divulge the information as he wanted to protect his wife and stepson."

It is pointed out the <sup>first</sup> ~~third~~ sentence in the above mentioned paragraph reveals that BALL stated he was of the opinion HISS was not as bad as painted by CHAMBERS. Since this information appears in the middle of [redacted] statement, it is assumed the information was furnished by [redacted] and not BALL. It is further pointed out this office has no information concerning BALL's association with HISS. In view of the above, this information has not been included in the attached report, but is being set forth for the information of the Bureau.

Reference is made to a foreign service dispatch received from the U. S. Information Service in Paris, dated 10/24/58, which reveals GEORGE BALL is the sponsor of "Amerique Actuelle." It will be noted that STEPHEN LAIRD is the Editor of the French Counterpart of the above mentioned publication which is called "France Actuelle."

Reference is made to the report of SA DONALD E. WALTER, dated 7/9/56, at WDC, captioned, "STEPHEN LAIRD, ESPIONAGE - R," which reveals LAIRD submitted an affidavit to the Department of

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State in 1956, admitting expressing pro-communist sentiments in the late 1930's and to have attended Communist Party meetings, but denies membership in the Communist Party.

A lead is being set forth by WFO to determine ~~appointee's~~ affiliation with "Amerique Actuaelle."

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AT WASHINGTON; D. C.

- (1) Will attempt to verify appointee's sponsorship of "Amerique Actuaelle."
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- (3) Will contact HOMER FERGUSON, former member of the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act.

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It is pointed out in referenced report the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, reveals the appointee and his law firm registered as agents for the government of France in January 1948

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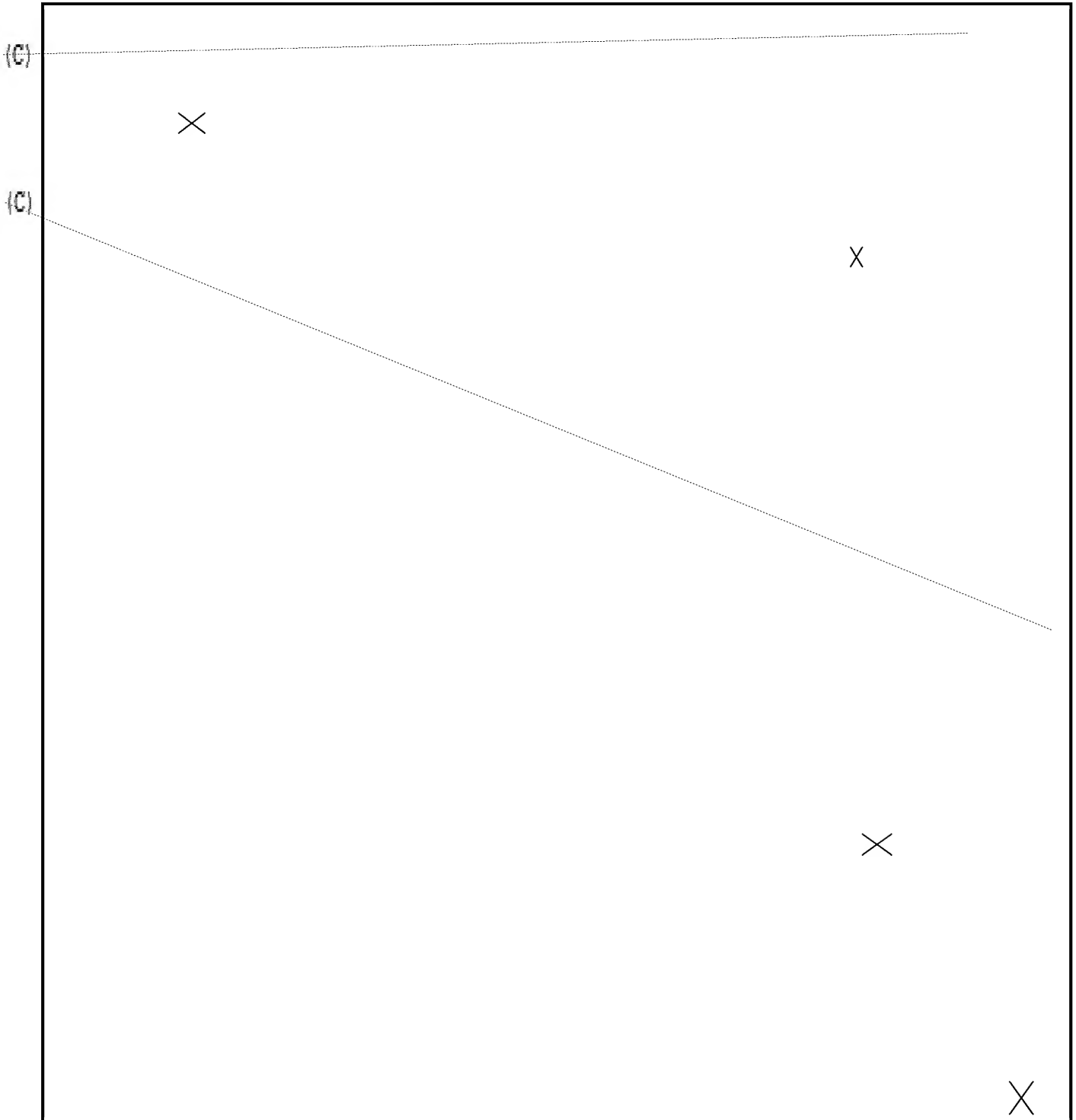
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Synopsis:

Editor of "France Actuelle" states appointee has been sponsor of this paper since 1952. Associate commented favorably and recommend.

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It will be noted that HOMER FERGUSON was a former Senator on the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, when in October, 1951, GEORGE BALL accompanied HENRY A. WALLACE in furnishing his testimony.

Associate Judge HOMER FERGUSON, United States Court of Military Appeals, advised SA HOWARD G. J. FISHER on 1/31/61 he could not recall the appointee. He said he knows nothing of the appointee's association with Mr. WALLACE.

"France Actuelle"On January 30, 1961,  "France Actuelle," advised SA FISHER thatb6  
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the appointee has been a sponsor of "France Actuelle" since 1952 and has been similarly associated with "Amerique Actuelle" since May 1, 1958. [ ] said the publication, "Amerique Actuelle," is a paper reporting economic news and business trends for businessmen in France. She said it is printed in French while "France Actuelle" is printed in English, concerning French business trends and economics in France for information for American businessmen.

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[ ] said she has been professionally associated with the appointee since 1952. She said Mr. BALL has severed all connections with the publication as of January 19, 1961, when he became associated with the Department of State.

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She further advised the appointee is a highly regarded attorney with a sincere interest in the field of international economics. She said to her knowledge his moral character, associates, reputation and loyalty to the Government are above reproach and she would highly recommend him for a high level Government position.

[ ] National Press Building, advised SA FISHER on January 31, 1961, that he has known the appointee since meeting him in connection with the 1952 Presidential campaign of ADLAI STEVENSON. He said he regarded the appointee as a most respected member of the legal profession. He stated he has worked with the appointee on establishing and publishing "Amerique Actuelle" for businessmen in France. He mentioned the publication contains articles of interest on American economics and business practices. [ ]

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[ ] said he considered the appointee to be a person of good moral character, associates, reputation and he considers him to be a loyal American citizen whom he would highly recommend for a position of trust and confidence.

ASSOCIATE

[ ] advised SA FISHER on February 2, 1961, he was a former member of the appointee's law firm and maintained close professional association with him from 1946 to 1950. He said he has had

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some professional association with the appointee since he,  left the firm. He said the appointee enjoys an excellent professional reputation and he is a man of high principals. He said he considered the appointee's moral character, associates reputation and loyalty to the Government to be above reproach and he would recommend him for a high level Government position.

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February 6, 1961

**GEORGE WILDMAN BALL**

**I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Birth**

Mr. Ball was born on December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa.

**Education**

Mr. Ball attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, from September, 1926, to June, 1930, at which time he received a B.A. degree. He attended the law school at Northwestern University from September, 1930, to June, 1933, receiving a J.D. degree.

**Employment**

From May, 1933, to May, 1934, Mr. Ball was an expert (legal research) with the Farm Credit Administration at Washington, D. C.

From May, 1934, to April, 1935, he was employed as an attorney in the Office of the Secretary, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

From April, 1935, to January, 1939, he was employed as an attorney with the law firm of Defrees, Buckingham, Jones and Hoffman, Chicago, Illinois.

From January, 1939, to April, 1942, he was an attorney with the law firm of Sidley, McPherson, Austin and Burgess at Chicago, Illinois.

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From April to June, 1942, he was a principal attorney in the Office of the General Counsel, Office for Emergency Management, Washington, D. C.

He was with the Office of Lend-Lease Administration, Washington, D. C., from June, 1942, to April, 1944.

From April, 1944, to August, 1944, he was an associate general counsel with the Foreign Economic Administration, Washington, D. C.

From August to December, 1944, he was an operations analyst with Headquarters, Army Air Force, War Department, Washington, D. C. In December, 1944, his position was converted to a war service appointment as a bombing research analyst with the Army Air Force Evaluation Board at Washington, D. C., and he remained in this position until January, 1945.

From January, 1945, to September, 1945, he was with the United States Strategic Bombing Survey in London, England.

The current issue of "Who's Who in America" shows that Mr. Ball, from 1945 to 1946, was General Counsel for the French Supply Council in Washington, D. C. No record of this association is available.

Since 1946 Mr. Ball has been associated with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Ball, with his office in Washington, D. C.

### Marital Status

Mr. Ball is married to Ruth Hurdock Ball, and they reside at Washington, D. C.

## **II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION**

### Interviews

[redacted] law firm of  
Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Ball, Washington, D. C.,  
advised [redacted] for approximately

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eight years. [ ] continued that in 1946 Mr. Ball established the law firm and is the senior member. She advised that during the Presidential campaigns of Adlai Stevenson, Mr. Ball was on the campaign staff for Mr. Stevenson. [ ] stated Mr. Ball is a highly respected member of the legal profession who functions as the law firm's representative on Capitol Hill. She further pointed out that he has been in close contact with the Department of State through his interest in the field of internal security law problems. [ ] also pointed out that Mr. Ball is the only principal member of the firm in Washington, D. C., and that the firm's main office is located in New York City, with offices also in Paris, France, and Brussels, Belgium. [ ] concluded by advising that she considers Mr. Ball to be a person of good character, associates and reputation and said that he is a loyal citizen of the United States. She said she would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence.

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Henry J. Friendly, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Southern District of New York, advised, at New York City, he has been acquainted with Mr. Ball since 1943. He stated that in addition to his professional contacts, he has also known him socially. He described Mr. Ball and his family as persons of excellent character who are unquestionably loyal to the United States. He further advised Mr. Ball is a person of very high caliber, integrity, and completely honest and trustworthy. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Fowler Hamilton, Attorney with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, New York City, advised he has known Mr. Ball since 1940. Mr. Hamilton advised he was associated with Mr. Ball in connection with the Army Air Force Strategic Bombing Survey. According to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Ball is a person of fine character, is unquestionably loyal and is familiar with the problems facing our form of Government, both here and abroad. Mr. Hamilton further advised he is certain that all the members of Mr. Ball's family are loyal and reputable and said he could conceive of no reason to withhold or qualify his recommending Mr. Ball for a position of trust and confidence.

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Edwin M. Martin, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of State, advised, at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. Ball on a professional and social basis since 1929. He stated they had both been students at Northwestern University. Mr. Martin continued that he considers Mr. Ball to be a person of excellent character and reputation who is loyal to the United States. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Chester Bowles, Under Secretary of State, Department of State, advised, at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. Ball on a political and social basis for approximately eight years. Mr. Bowles said he has the highest regard for Mr. Ball and considers him to be a man whose character and reputation are above reproach. He said that he has never had any reason to question Mr. Ball's loyalty, and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

The following individuals were also interviewed and furnished similar favorable comments concerning Mr. Ball's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, and also recommended him for a position of trust and confidence:

Richard Bolling, United States Representative  
from Missouri;

[REDACTED]

Eugene J. McCarthy, United States Senator  
from Minnesota;

Clair Engle, United States Senator  
from California.

Nineteen other persons, including professional associates, former acquaintances, references and neighbors, were interviewed. Those acquainted with Mr. Ball's professional reputation described him as an outstanding attorney who is highly regarded. Those who know him well described him as a person whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach. They said he is a loyal American and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Close Relatives

Mr. Ball's parents, Amos and Edna Wildman Ball, are deceased. In addition to his wife, Mr. Ball has the following relatives:

Brother, Stuart S. Ball, Evanston, Illinois; brother, Ralph Ball, Evanston, Illinois; [redacted]

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Mr. Ball or any of his close relatives with the exception of the following:

The files of the Traffic Division, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., revealed that

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was fined \$50.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Ball:

Office of Security, Department of State; United States Secret Service; Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission; and the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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### Passport Record

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reveal that Mr. Ball was issued a passport in September, 1959, at Paris, France, for periodic business trips, principally to Western Europe. He was also issued a passport in September, 1955, for a trip to France, and this passport was renewed in September, 1957, for a trip to France and Italy. He was issued a passport in September, 1951, for a trip to France, England and Italy. This passport was renewed in September, 1953, for a trip to Luxemburg and France. In July, 1947, he was issued a passport for travel to England, France and Belgium. This passport was renewed in March, 1950, for a trip to France. In January, 1944, he was issued a passport for travel to Cuba and the passport was revalidated in August, 1944, for travel to the British Isles. It was again revalidated in October, 1944, for travel to England. He was issued a passport in April, 1938, for a trip to England. He was also issued a passport in April, 1929, for travel to France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Belgium and England.

### Bar Affiliations

Mr. Ball was admitted to the Illinois State Bar in October, 1934. He was elected to membership in the Chicago Bar Association in May, 1935, and was transferred to the list of nonresident members in June, 1942. He was elected to membership in the American Bar Association in February, 1938. The American Bar Association records disclose that George W. Ball, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., not further identified, resigned from the American Bar Association on January 5, 1953. Mr. Ball was admitted to practice law in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in January, 1946. No record of membership was located for him in the Bar Association of the District of Columbia or the Federal Bar Association.

### Miscellaneous

In October, 1951, Henry A. Wallace, accompanied by George W. Ball, Counsel, testified in the hearings



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The records of the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, reveal that Mr. Ball filed a short form registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act in January, 1948, in support of the

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registration of the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Cox, Washington, D. C. At that time this firm was acting as agent for the government of France. In March, 1951, this firm, then known as Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Ball, was registered and acting as agents for the governments of France and Venezuela. In August, 1955, this firm was registered and acting as agents for the government of France, the European Coal and Steel Community, Luxemburg, the National Cuban Sugar Mills Owners Association and the Cuban Sugar Cane Growers Association, the latter two at Havana, Cuba. In July, 1960, the above firm, now known as Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Ball, was registered and acting as agents for the government of France, the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Economic Commission and the European Atomic Energy Commission.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information.

February 6, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In accordance with the request of Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien dated January 12, 1961, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. George Wildman Ball. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Information has been received from one governmental agency\* indicating that a check of its files concerning Mr. Ball has not been completed. When this information is available, you will be advised.

The investigation of Mr. Ball covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 6, 1961,  
enclosing a summary memorandum concerning Mr. George Wildman  
Ball.

Information has been received from the Central Intel-  
ligence Agency that its files contain no pertinent identifiable  
information concerning Mr. Ball.

This concludes the investigation.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Ball was investigated in connection with his appointment  
as Under Secretary of State.

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TO: Mr. Courtney Evans  
FROM: Kenneth O'Donnell

O.K. on all with the exception of  
Adlai Stevenson.

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To: Mr. Courtney Evans

From: Kenneth O'Donnell

Per conversation with your office  
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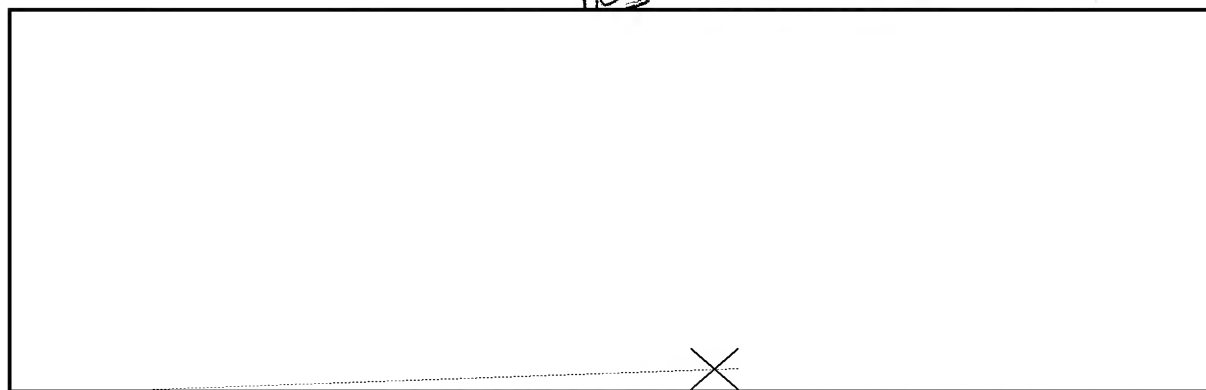
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MR. BELMONT  
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MR. DELOACH

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I stated that I thought the FBI should talk to this young man whereupon the Attorney General suggested that contact be made with Dean Rusk first and I told him I would arrange to have Mr. Belmont get in touch with Dean Rusk to work this matter out so it would be properly handled. (X)

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I called the Attorney General to advise him that the matter concerning George Ball's   had been handled with Dean Rusk and that an appointment had been set up with Undersecretary George Ball for today at 5:00 by Mr. Belmont. The Attorney General asked to be kept advised of this matter. (X)

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

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HYANNIS PORT, MASS--THE TEXT OF THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT  
 ON RE-ASSIGNMENT OF UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE CHESTER BOWLES AND  
 OTHER TOP STATE DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS:

THE PRESIDENT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE MATCHING OF  
 PEOPLE WITH RESPONSIBILITIES, TONIGHT ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING SHIFTS  
 IN WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

1--WALTER P. MCCONAUGHY, CURRENTLY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE  
 FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, WILL BE SHIFTED TO A MAJOR AMBASSADORIAL  
 POST.

2--W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, PRESENTLY AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, WILL BECOME  
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS. THE TIMING OF  
 HIS ASSUMPTION OF THESE DUTIES WILL BE DETERMINED BY HIS WORK AT  
 THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAOS.

3--RICHARD N. GOODWIN, DEPUTY SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT,  
 WILL BECOME DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN  
 AFFAIRS.

4--BROOKS HAYS, CURRENTLY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
 CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS, WILL JOIN THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AS A SPECIAL  
 ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.

5--FREDERICK G. DUTTON, NOW SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
 CABINET AFFAIRS, WILL BECOME ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
 CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS.

6--TIMOTHY J. REARDON, JR. CURRENTLY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
 THE PRESIDENT, WILL BECOME SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
 WILL ASSUME THE POST VACATED BY MR. DUTTON.

7--WALT W. ROSTOW, NOW DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
 FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, WILL BECOME COUNSELOR OF THE STATE  
 DEPARTMENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY PLANNING  
 COUNCIL.

8--GEORGE MCGHEE, CURRENTLY COUNSELOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
 AND CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY PLANNING COUNCIL, WILL  
 BECOME UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

9--GEORGE BALL, PRESENTLY UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC  
 AFFAIRS, WILL BECOME THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

10--CHESTER BOWLES, THE CURRENT UNDERSECRETARY, IS MOVING TO A  
 NEW HIGH POLICY-MAKING POSITION, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE  
 ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

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# Ball Superseding Bowles As No. 2 Policy Maker

By EARL H. VOSS  
 Star Staff Writer

George W. Ball, Economic Affairs Undersecretary, officially ranked third in the State Department's top echelon, has risen gradually to become the No. 2 policy maker in day-to-day political operations, according to qualified informants.

Undersecretary Chester Bowles, nominally second in command to Secretary of State Rusk, has turned more and more to long-term planning and Washington's relations with American ambassadors overseas, these sources say.

Mr. Bowles was reported on the way out of the Undersecretary's job a few months ago, but President Kennedy decided to keep him when Mr. Bowles said he would resign rather than take any other foreign policy post.

Officials say there are no present plans to transfer Mr. Bowles.

He has just returned from an extensive tour of Latin America, where he attended regional conferences with American ambassadors. Earlier he had conducted similar meetings of American envoys in Africa and South Asia. Later this year he plans another trip to the Far East.



GEORGE W. BALL

keeping Mr. Bowles out of the daily decision-making at the State Department. As a result Mr. Ball has been active in both the economics and political fields.

Officials say Mr. Bowles now co-operates closely with the Policy Planning Council under George C. McGhee, on long-term planning.

Lines of authority apparently are not clearly defined on paper, but Mr. Ball is said to have been called upon to solve an increasing number of political

problems for Mr. Rusk in addition to handling economic policy making.

When Mr. Rusk is out of Washington, however, Mr. Bowles is acting Secretary with full powers.

According to one report, there has been a "general understanding" at the Assistant Secretary level that the rest of the department is to check all immediate political matters either with Mr. Ball or with Secretary Rusk.

Mr. Ball has been a close associate of Adlai E. Stevenson, United Nations ambassador, for many years.

Mr. Bowles is described as a "phenomenal generator of ideas" who is better suited to long-range planning than operational work. His regional conferences with ambassadors have been unusually successful, it is reported, in giving American representatives abroad a sense of what the department's evolving positions are.

Some of those who have watched the Rusk-Bowles administration of the State Department take shape say Mr. Bowles is doing now about what he did last March, but that Mr. Ball has moved significantly into day-by-day political affairs where Mr. Bowles has never been especially active.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *Car*

DATE: November 27, 1961

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WV*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
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BACKGROUND:

According to the Washington Capital News Service, the White House announced on 11/26/61, that in connection with a State Department shake-up, Ball, now Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs, will replace Chester Bowles as Undersecretary of State. A Special Inquiry investigation of Ball was conducted in January, 1961, at the request of the Kennedy Administration. The Director has indicated his desire to see the summary memorandum on Ball. A copy of the memorandum is attached.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

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Ball, born on December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa, received B.A. and J. D. degrees from Northwestern University. He was employed by the Federal Government from 1933 to 1935, and again during World War II. He practiced law in Chicago from 1935 to 1942, and has practiced locally since 1946. His law firm has been the registered agent for the French Government, Venezuela, European Coal and Steel Community, National Cuban Sugar Mills Operators Association, Cuban Sugar Cane Growers Association, European Economic Commission and European Atomic Energy Commission. He represented Henry Wallace in his appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1951, in connection with Wallace's testimony relating to the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR). Ball was one of two attorneys representing Jefferson Franklin Ray, Jr., a former IPR employee investigated in 1949 under the loyalty program, in proceedings before a loyalty review board. Ray reportedly stated during the investigation that an FBI Agent told an interviewee that all IPR personnel were communists; Ball indicated he believed Ray's statement to be accurate; Ray's allegation unfounded.

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None. For your information. A separate memorandum is being prepared concerning other persons involved in the shake-up.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
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The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth information regarding Ball who replaced Chester Bowles as Under Secretary of State in November, 1961.

Ball was investigated at the request of the Kennedy Administration in January, 1961. He was born December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa, and received B.A. and J.D. degrees from Northwestern University. He was employed by the Federal Government from 1933 to 1935, and again during World War II. He practiced law in Chicago from 1935 to 1942, and has practiced locally since 1946. His law firm has been the registered agent for the French Government, Venezuela, European Coal and Steel Community, National Cuban Sugar Mills Operators Association, Cuban Sugar Cane Growers Association, European Economic Commission and European Atomic Energy Commission. He represented Henry Wallace in his appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1951, in connection with Wallace's testimony relating to the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR). Ball was one of two attorneys representing Jefferson Franklin Ray, Jr., a former IPR employee investigated in 1949 under the loyalty program, in proceedings before a loyalty review board. Ray reportedly stated during the investigation that an FBI Agent told an interviewee that all IPR personnel were communists; Ball indicated he believed Ray's statement to be accurate; Ray's allegation unfounded.

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## ACTION:

A summary of the Bureau's Special Inquiry investigation dated February 6, 1961, is attached. Bureau files contain no pertinent information regarding Ball since he was investigated in January, 1961.

Enclosure - *detached*

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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPI, BUDED DECEMBER THIRTY SIX  
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RE BUTEL DECEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST.

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STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION  
OF UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE BALL BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION COLLEGE OF WOOSTER, WOOSTER, OHIO,

DISCLOSES BALL'S

[REDACTED]

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COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

[REDACTED]

RECORDS FAIL TO INDICATE PRESENT

WHEREABOUTS OF

[REDACTED]

BOSTON HANDLE INVESTIGATION RE HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL.

WASHINGTON FIELD DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF

[REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF BOSTON, BUREAU INSTRUCTS TO ASSIGN  
CASE TO EXPERIENCED AGENT AND CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD  
INVESTIGATIONS UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO ARISES, AT  
WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL MUST BE SECURED.

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TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND (161-21) AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM BOSTON (161-1212) (RUC) 1P

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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPI. BUDED: DECEMBER THIRTY, SIXTYFOUR.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE, DECEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED  
DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE INST. NO RECORD OF ATTENDANCE APPOINTEE'S

[REDACTED] IF HE ATTENDED HARVARD UNIV.,  
RECORD WOULD BE IN FILES OF ALUMNI RECORDS.

CLEVELAND. RECHECK SOURCE.

NO CREDIT RECORD, CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER BOSTON, INC.,  
BOSTON, MASS., WHICH COVERS CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

NO ARREST RECORD AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS. PD OR IN FILES  
OF OFFICE, MASS. COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION, BOSTON, MASS.,  
CENTRAL REPOSITORY ALL CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CONVICTION RECORDS  
IN COMMONWEALTH. NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM CLEVELAND (161-21)

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL. SPI. BUDED: DEC. THIRTY NEXT.

RE BOSTON TEL DEC. TWENTYTHREE LAST.

RECORDS OF [REDACTED] COLLEGE OF WOOSTER, WOOSTER,

OHIO, RECHECKED THIS DATE RE APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECORDS DISCLOSE ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] AS OF NOV. TWENTY-  
EIGHT SIXTYONE, WAS [REDACTED] AND

AT THAT TIME WAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SUPPORTED BY NEWS CLIPPING IN ALUMNI FILE WHICH APPEARED  
IN WOOSTER DAILY RECORD, WOOSTER DAILY NEWSPAPER, ON NOV. TWENTY-  
SEVEN SIXTYONE.

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To: SAC, Washington Field  
From: Director, FBI

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
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Interview representative number of following  
Senators who are members of Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee:

Louisiana; Sparkman, Alabama; Mansfield, Montana; Long,  
Missouri; Lausche, Ohio; Church, Idaho; Symington,  
Hickenlooper, Iowa; Aiken, Vermont; Smathers, Florida;  
and Mundt, South Dakota.

Do not interview Senators Fulbright, Humphrey,  
Morse, Gore or Williams.

Be alert for the identities of other Senate  
Committees before which Ball has appeared, and if pertinent  
request Bureau authority to interview representative  
number of committee members.

NOTE: ☐ Crime Records, authorized interviewing  
representative number of members Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee, with exception of Fulbright, Humphrey, Morse,  
Gore and Williams.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-114) (P)  
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Bureau is requested to give consideration to inter-  
view of Secretary DEAN RUSK re appointee through liaison.

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TITLE OF CASE  GEORGE WILDMAN BALL		REPORT MADE BY VINCENT R. NAPOLI	TYPED BY ral
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REFERENCES

Report of SA ROGER F. MUSY (A), 1-25-61, at Cleveland.  
 Bureau teletype, 12-18-64.  
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Date: 12-28-64

Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

Field Office File No.: (161-21)

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Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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CREDIT AND ARREST

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[redacted] Wooster Credit Bureau;  
[redacted] Wayne County Sheriff's  
Office and [redacted] Records Officer, Wooster, Ohio  
Police Department, advised their respective files failed to  
disclose any record identifiable with the appointee's [redacted]  
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TO DIRECTOR AND CLEVELAND

FROM BOSTON (161-1212) RUC 1P

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPI.

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REBOSTEL DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST AND CLEVELAND TEL  
DECEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST.

RECHECK HARVARD UNIVERSITY INCLUDING CORPORATION  
OFFICE WHERE ALL STAFF APPOINTMENTS RECORDED, NEGATIVE.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE WILDMAN BALL</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>pan</b> b6 b7C
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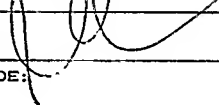

REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to WFO dated 12/18/64.  
Report of SA LOUIS S. CRAIG dated 1/18/61, at Chicago.

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Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records of American Bar Association (ABA) and Chicago Bar Association (CBA) reflect no information concerning appointee since 1961. No credit or arrest record located for appointee. Brothers, STUART SCOBLE BALL and RALPH KIMBERLY BALL, have good credit records. Both are members in good standing of ABA and CBA. No arrest record located for them. Their addresses verified.

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DETAILS:

Affiliation

American Bar Association (ABA)  
1155 East 60th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On December 28, 1964, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Membership Records Section, advised that a search of the membership records and the grievance records of the ABA disclosed no additional information concerning the appointee since those records were checked in January, 1961.

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[REDACTED] said that the membership records of the ABA reflect the following information concerning the appointee's brothers:

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RALPH KIMBERLY BALL, who was born May 7, 1907, and whose address is 303 State Bank Building, Evanston, Illinois, was elected to membership in the ABA on March 27, 1950. He was originally admitted to the practice of law in Illinois in 1931. BALL is a current member in good standing of the ABA.

STUART S. BALL was elected to membership in the ABA on April 6, 1932, and is a current member in good standing of the ABA. His date of birth and date of admission to the practice of law are not recorded, however, his application for membership reflects that he had been practicing law in Iowa and Illinois since 1927. BALL's address is listed as 11 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] said that the grievance records of the ABA have no information identifiable with RALPH KIMBERLY BALL or STUART S. BALL.

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Chicago Bar Association (CBA)  
29 South La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On December 28, 1964, [redacted]  
Records Clerk, advised that a search of the membership  
records and the grievance records of the CBA disclosed  
no additional information concerning the appointee since  
those records were searched in January, 1961.

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[redacted] said that the CBA membership records  
reflect the following information concerning the  
appointee's brothers:

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RALPH KIMBERLY BALL was licensed to practice  
law in Illinois on October 15, 1931. He was elected  
to membership in the CBA in 1941 and is currently a  
member in good standing.

STUART SCOBLE BALL was licensed to practice  
law in Illinois on October 13, 1927. He joined the CBA  
in 1935 and is currently a member in good standing.

[redacted] said that the CBA grievance records  
have no information identifiable with either of the above  
named persons.

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Credit and Arrest

On December 28, 1964, [redacted]  
[redacted] Credit Bureau of Evanston, Incorporated,  
which also serves Kenilworth, Illinois, advised that the  
records of her office have no information identifiable  
with the appointee. She said that her records reflect  
the following information concerning the appointee's  
brothers:

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RALPH K. BALL [redacted] have  
been known to the credit bureau since 1938. BALL is

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self-employed as an attorney, having served as Counsel and Head of the Legal Department of Northwestern University for 20 years. He resigned from his position with Northwestern University in March, 1955, to enter the private practice of law. His address is listed as 74 Tudor Court, Kenilworth, Illinois, and he previously resided at 6 Milburn Park, Evanston, Illinois. BALL's father, AMOS, had been the General Counsel for the Standard Oil Company. BALL and his wife have a good credit record and no adverse information has been received concerning them.

STUART S. BALL [redacted] have been known to the credit bureau since 1934. BALL is self-employed as an attorney and is a member of the firm of Sidney, Austin, Burgess and Smith. He has served previously as President and Head of the Law Department of Montgomery Ward. His address is listed as 1501 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, and he previously resided at 2331 Orrington Avenue, Evanston. BALL and his wife have a good credit record and no adverse information has been received concerning them.

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On December 23, 1964, [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, advised IC [redacted] that the files of the credit bureau have no information identifiable with the appointee. She said that her records reflect no additional information since those records were checked in January, 1961.

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On December 28, 1964, [redacted]  
Records Section, Evanston, Illinois Police Department, advised that the records of her office contain no arrest record identifiable with the appointee or his known relatives.

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On December 28, 1964, Officer [redacted]  
Kenilworth, Illinois Police Department, advised that the

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records of his office have no arrest record for RALPH K. [REDACTED] He said that BALL had resided at 74 Tudor Court, Kenilworth, in 1963 and 1964, but that he had moved recently from that address.

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On December 24, 1964, a representative of the Bureau of Records and Communications Chicago Police Department, advised IC [REDACTED] that a search of the available records of that office disclosed no arrest record identifiable with the appointee or his known relatives.

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Miscellaneous

On December 28, 1964, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that STUART S. BALL [REDACTED] presently reside in an apartment at this address. He said that they have been residing here for about one and one half years and are excellent tenants.

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On December 29, 1964, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that RALPH K. BALL had sold his home at 74 Tudor Court, Kenilworth, Illinois, and is now residing at the Orrington Hotel, 1710 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, DETROIT

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-114)

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPI. BUDED DECEMBER THIRTY NEXT

MR. CLEVELAND  
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STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT INVESTIGATION  
REGARDING UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE BALL BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.  
BORN DECEMBER TWENTYONE, NINETEEN NINE, DES MOINES, IOWA,  
AND RESIDES WASHINGTON, D. C. BUREAU ADVISED TO ASSIGN CASE  
TO EXPERIENCED AGENT AND CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION.

APPOINTEE ASSOCIATE OF G. MENNEN WILLIAMS, TWENTYFIVE  
TONNANACOUR PLACE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN. OBTAIN  
COMMENTS.

DETROIT HOLD IN ABEYANCE INTERVIEW OF WILLIAMS UNTIL  
RECEIPT OF FOUR ADDITIONAL TELETYPES REQUESTING INTERVIEW  
OF WILLIAMS REGARDING JAMES BRYANT CONANT, JOHN KENNETH  
GALBRAITH, [REDACTED] AND DEAN RUSK, SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, BOSTON (161-1212)  
CLEVELAND (161-21)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-114)

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, SPI. BUDED DEC. THIRTY INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TEL DEC. EIGHTEEN PAST.

GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN, JR., SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
APPOINTEE, ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH APPOINTEE AND WIFE.

ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE ARE ROBERT MANNING, EDITOR OF  
"ATLANTIC MONTHLY", BOSTON, MASS., AND J. KENNETH GALBRAITH,  
PROFESSOR, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. BOSTON  
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RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DEC. TWENTYNINE  
LAST.

G. MENNEN WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE OF  
AFRICAN AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, ADVISED INSTANT HE HAS  
KNOWN BALL, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY,  
WHEN LATTER CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR ADLAI STEVENSON, PRESIDENTIAL  
TICKET, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. ALSO KNEW BALL TO HAVE BEEN LAW  
PARTNER OF STEVENSON. STATED SUBSEQUENTLY MET BALL AGAIN IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C., WHEN BALL PRACTICING LAW AND CONDUCTING  
SPECIAL RESEARCH AFRICA AND OTHER GLOBAL AREAS FOR THE LATE  
PRES. JOHN F. KENNEDY. STATED HE KNOWS BALL AND WIFE SOCIALLY.  
STATED BALLS CHARACTER AND REPUTATION OF HIGHEST ORDER.  
STATED KNOWS LATE PRES. KENNEDY DID, AND PRES. JOHNSON DOES  
HOLD BALL IN HIGH REGARD. ADVISED BALLS LOYALTY TO U.S. IS  
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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Associate recommends.

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DETAILS:

Associate.

G. MENNEN WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary of State of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State, advised on December 30, 1964, he has known Mr. GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, the Under-Secretary of State, since 1960, when the latter was one of the campaign managers for ADLAI STEVENSON on the Presidential ticket in Los Angeles, California. He also knew BALL to have been a law partner of STEVENSON. He stated he subsequently met Mr. BALL again in Washington, D.C., when BALL was practicing law and conducting special research on Africa and other global areas for the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He stated that he knows Mr. BALL and his wife socially. He stated that Mr. BALL's character and reputation are of the highest order. He said further he knows that the late President KENNEDY did, and President LYNDON B. JOHNSON does hold BALL in high regard. He also stated that he is certain Mr. BALL's loyalty to the United States is without question. He advised that he respects Mr. BALL completely and would be glad to recommend him for any office with the United States Government.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

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ROBERT MANNING, Editor, Atlantic Monthly, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, when telephoned for an appointment requested he be interviewed telephonically, which was done.

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## Synopsis:

Associates ROBERT MANNING, Editor, Atlantic Monthly, Boston, Mass. and JOHN K. GALBRAITH, Professor, Harvard U., Cambridge, Mass. recommend.

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## Details:

Investigation at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On December 30, 1964, ROBERT MANNING, Editor, Atlantic Monthly, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he worked under appointee for about three years while appointee was Assistant Secretary of State. He said he first met him in 1952 when appointee was head of the Volunteers for ADLAI STEVENSON, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations. He said the appointee is very close to Mr. STEVENSON.

Mr. MANNING stated he recommends the appointee with absolute confidence for any important position in the United States. The appointee was also an attorney with a domestic and international law practice. MANNING stated that he traveled quite a bit with the appointee during their period of association



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in the State Department and that he knows appointee to be a man of moderate habits and usually stable, of excellent morals, integrity and a dedicated, loyal American citizen.

He advised he met the appointee's wife on a few occasions and that he has a high regard for her. He believes the appointee has [redacted] and to his knowledge none of them have ever been in this area and [redacted]  
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Mr. MANNING said he was proud and happy to recommend the appointee.

On December 31, 1964, JOHN K. GALBRAITH, Professor of Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and former United States Ambassador to India, advised that he has known the appointee since 1943 at which time both he and the appointee were official officers with the U. S. Lend Lease Administration at Washington, D.C.

He stated that since this time, both he and the appointee have been very close personal friends. He described the appointee as a very capable, very intelligent and outstanding man in every way, who has, during the past years, rendered very valuable services to the United States Government.

He advised that at no time has he ever had any reason to question the appointee's character, associations, reputation, or patriotism to the United States. He stated that there is no question in his mind that the applicant is a dependable, trustworthy person who can be trusted with confidential information. He pointed out that it was an extreme pleasure for him to be able to recommend the appointee without any reservation or qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On 12/31/64, Mr. WALTER LIPTMAN, 3525 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SA ROBERT BEAMS that he has known the appointee for the past fifteen years or so and that they have been good friends for that period of time. He stated the appointee is a man of excellent character and one who possesses no abnormal habits or vices. He indicated that the appointee is an honorable man and that his associates, reputation, and loyalty are beyond question. He further indicated that he often visits in the home of the appointee, and that he finds the appointee enjoys a normal home life with Mrs. BALL and their two children. He recommended the appointee for continued employment in a position of trust and confidence for the government of the United States.

Still outstanding are interviews with associates in Washington, D.C., area and also interviews with U. S. Senators as requested in Bureau airtel dated 12/28/64.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 1/7/65

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup>GEORGE W. BALL  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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George W. Ball is Under Secretary of State. The Bureau has been requested to bring up to date our previous investigation of Mr. Ball.

Pursuant to instructions, Liaison Agent Bartlett interviewed Secretary of State Dean Rusk concerning Mr. Ball on 1/7/65. Secretary Rusk advised as follows:

He has known Mr. Ball since 1953 and was associated with him on various matters until 1960. After Mr. Rusk was named Secretary of State he was instrumental in securing the services of Mr. Ball to serve as Deputy Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. Following the resignation of the then Under Secretary of State, Mr. Rusk asked Mr. Ball to serve in this capacity. Mr. Rusk said that Mr. Ball is capable, industrious and loyal and he has never heard of any derogatory comments made concerning Mr. Ball. He indicated that prior to Government service, Mr. Ball handled matters involving oil and air transportation as an attorney and as a result of this he has disqualified himself as a State Department official in these two fields to prevent any possible conflict of interest. Mr. Rusk gave Mr. Ball the highest recommendation possible.

## ACTION:

For the information of the Special Inquiry Section.

~~1 - Mr. Belmont~~  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Bartlett  
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TO : Mr. Gale *fg*

DATE: 1/14/65

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
WHITE HOUSE

BACKGROUND:

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Request for investigation received December 18, 1964, by letter dated December 15, 1964, from the State Department, asking that previous investigation of Mr. Ball, who is Under Secretary of State, be brought up to date. The previous investigation was summarized in a memorandum dated February 6, 1961, and that investigation was favorable.

RESULTS OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION:

The attached summary memorandum contains highly favorable information concerning Mr. Ball and the investigation is complete. An interview with United States Representative Frances P. Bolton, from Ohio, is included in this memorandum and indicates because of her lack of knowledge, Mrs. Bolton did not wish to voice an opinion as to a recommendation for Mr. Ball.

(U) INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED IN ATTACHED SUMMARY MEMORANDUM:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letters and summary memorandum concerning Mr. Ball be forwarded to the State Department and to the White House.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Still

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
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Senator FRANK CARLSON of Kansas advised he has been acquainted with the appointee since 1952. He stated that he felt that the appointee is a very able man who was doing a commendable job at the Department of State. He stated that prior to coming to the Department of State, the appointee was very active in the field of International Law and represented a number of foreign countries. He stated that he has not seen any indication in the appointee's conduct at the Department of State which would indicate to him that the appointee has been influenced in any of his opinions or decisions because of this former association with foreign countries. Senator CARLSON stated that he was not well acquainted with the appointee socially, but that based on his contacts with the appointee, he would recommend him without reservation concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty, and for a position of trust and confidence.

Senator KARL E. MUNDT of South Dakota advised that he has known the appointee for several years prior to the time the appointee joined the Department of State. He stated that the appointee enjoys a good professional reputation, and that he feels that the appointee has done a commendable job with the Department. Senator MUNDT stated that he did not feel that the appointee had the professional competence, judgement, or general background as the present Secretary of State DEAN RUSK, but that he was a capable man. Senator MUNDT mentioned that the appointee prior to joining the Department of State was very active in the field of International Law, and had represented a number of foreign countries in their interests in the United States. He stated that this came up at the time of the appointee's confirmation for his position at the Department of State, that a number of people have watched the appointee closely to see whether this former association would effect the appointee's judgement. Senator MUNDT mentioned that this was of interest to him and that he has seen no indication the appointee's former association with these foreign countries has effected his judgement and integrity in his position with the Department. He described the appointee as a professional person of the highest personal character and habits. Senator MUNDT recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

Senator BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER of Iowa, advised that he has been acquainted professionally with the appointee for the past five years. He stated that the appointee has appeared as a witness before the Committee on Foreign Relations, U. S. Senate, on numerous occasions. Senator HICKENLOOPER stated

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that he is a member of this committee and that the appointee has impressed him as a very intelligent, capable, person who appears to be reliable and a man of integrity. Senator HICKENLOOPER mentioned that the appointee prior to his service with the Department of State was active in the field of International Law, and has represented a number of foreign countries in their interests in the United States. He stated that this was a matter of concern to their committee prior to the appointee's confirmation on his nomination. He stated, however, that he has watched the appointee closely and nothing has come to his attention which would indicate that this former association with these foreign countries has prejudiced the appointee's judgement or integrity in his position with the Department of State.

Senator GEORGE D. AIKEN of Vermont advised that he has been acquainted with the appointee on a professional basis since the appointee's service with the Department of State. He stated that he considered the appointee a very capable person who enjoyed a good professional reputation. He stated that the only reservation he had concerning the appointee was that the appointee prior to his appointment to his present position, represented, in legal matters, a number of Eastern European countries. He stated that the appointee was paid a retainer of \$500 a month by the country of France to furnish them information concerning matters that would not normally be available to them. Senator AIKEN stated that this fee was actually a very small one, and that the information that the appointee did furnish France he would obtain through his sources in the government, and pick up at various cocktail parties attended by prominent people, which he would attend. He stated that this matter was considered at the time of the appointee's confirmation by the Senate. He stated that the reason for the concern was if the appointee would be able to divorce his former association with these foreign countries and do an objective job for the Department of State. Senator AIKEN stated that he has watched the appointee closely and that everything that has come to his attention would indicate that the appointee has done a very satisfactory job at the Department, and has been honest and a man of integrity. Senator AIKEN stated that except for the above-mentioned reservation concerning the appointee, he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Attached are interviews conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] of U.S. Senators of the Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee.

On 1/6/65, [redacted]  
[redacted] Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, Southern Building,  
15th and H Streets, N. W., advised SA D. WILLIAM RUNKLE  
that he met the appointee in about 1947 when he, [redacted]  
first came to work for this firm. He stated the appointee  
was a partner in the firm and remained as such until the  
appointee accepted an appointment with the State Department.  
He stated he has seen him only on occasion since that time  
and usually on a personal basis inasmuch as the firm has  
not handled any business matters for the appointee since he  
has been with the State Department.

[redacted] stated that no information has ever come  
to his attention concerning the appointee's activities which  
he would consider would possibly create a conflict of  
interest. He stated that he has met the appointee's wife

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[ ] and he considers the family to be a closely knit unit and one that enjoys an excellent reputation.

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[ ] stated that the appointee is an outstanding person of high intelligence with exemplary character, is discreet, competent and a very articulate person. He stated he has no reason to question his loyalty to the country or his associates and considers him to be a man of good temperament and recommends him without reservation.

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Still outstanding are four additional interviews of senators connected with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as well as a representative number of house members.



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Senator MIKE MANSFIELD of Montana, advised SA [ ] on January 7, 1965, that he has been acquainted with the appointee for approximately ten years. He stated that he did not know the appointee well socially but that based on his professional contacts with him, he has been favorably impressed. He stated that the appointee has impressed him as a dedicated public servant and he would gladly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence. He stated that everything that has come to his attention has reflected favorably concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. Senator MANSFIELD mentioned that the appointee prior to taking his position with the Department of State had a large law practice, representing foreign countries, interested in the United States. He stated that it has been his impression the appointee has divorced himself completely of these ties and is serving the United States without favor or anyother consideration to any particular foreign country.

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Senator RUSSELL B. LONG of Louisiana, advised SA [ ] on January 7, 1965, that he has been acquainted with the appointee on a professional basis only for the past six or seven years. He stated that the appointee enjoys a good reputation both professionally and personally, and that he would recommend him concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty, for a position of trust and confidence. He stated that he felt the appointee was doing a commendable job in a very difficult position.

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The Honorable WAYNE L. HAYES, Congressman from Ohio, United States House of Representatives, the Capitol, advised that he has known the appointee, BALL, only in an official capacity during the four years that he has been the Assistant to the Secretary of State. He stated that his contact with the appointee is limited mostly to the appointee's appearances before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and that from his association, he has come to consider the appointee to be a man of the very highest character and reputation and he stated that he has never been aware of anything unfavorable regarding the appointee's associates or his loyalty. He advised he would give him the highest recommendation for a position of trust and confidence.

OMAR BURLERSON, Congressman from Texas, United States House of Representatives, the Capitol, advised that he has known the appointee, BALL, in only a rather casual way during the past four years from Mr. BALL's appearances before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He advised he has never been aware of anything derogatory regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, and that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

ARMISTEAD I. SELDEN, JR., Congressman from Alabama, United States House of Representatives, the Capitol, advised he has known appointee, BALL, for approximately the last four years. He stated that his contacts with the appointee are mostly limited to his appearances before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and that from his association, he has never been aware of anything derogatory regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, and that he felt that he could recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

The Honorable ROSS ADAIR, Congressman from Indiana, United States House of Representatives, the Capitol, advised he has known the appointee in a strictly official capacity for the last four years. He stated that he has come to know Mr. BALL to be a loyal, patriotic, citizen, who is working for the best interest of this country, and that he has never been aware of anything unfavorable regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and that he would give the appointee a good recommendation for a position of trust and confidence.

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The Honorable FRANCES BOLTON, Congresswoman from Ohio, United States House of Representatives, the Capitol, advised that she has known the appointee only during the last four years. She stated that her contact with the appointee is strictly limited to his appearances before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. She stated that she does not know anything about the appointee's background and that she has often wondered how he arose from nowhere to become the Assistant Secretary of State. She stated that she has never been aware of anything derogatory regarding the appointee, but that she did not know the reason why, but that she does not trust him. She stated that the appointee is reputed to be a very pleasant person, but that she did not wish to voice an opinion as to a recommendation of the appointee to a position of trust and confidence.

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Hereto attached are interviews of Senator MIKE  
MANSFIELD and Senator RUSSELL B. LONG.

On 1/8/65, Senator FRANK CHURCH of Idaho advised  
SA [ ] that he first met the appointee profes-  
sionally shortly before the appointee came to the State  
Department. He stated that he has had considerable contact  
professionally due to his membership on the Foreign  
Relations Committee and he considers the appointee to be  
extremely capable and a very qualified person whom he held  
in a very high opinion.

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Senator CHURCH recommended the appointee very  
highly as to his character, associates, reputation and  
loyalty, and for continuing employment in a position of  
trust and confidence.

On 1/8/65, Senator STUART SYMINGTON of Missouri  
advised SA [ ] that he has known the appointee professionally  
for some 20 years. He stated that the appointee is a very  
capable, knowledgeable and extremely conscientious Government  
representative, and that he based these remarks on his

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numerous contacts with the appointee, due to his, Senator SYMINGTON's, membership on the Foreign Relations Committee. He recommended the appointee very highly as to his character, associates, reputation and loyalty, and for continuing employment in a position of trust and confidence.

On 1/8/65, Senator THOMAS J. DODD, Connecticut, advised SA [ ] that he knows the appointee strictly through the professional contact as Senator, as it concerned the Foreign Relations Committee. He stated his impression is that the appointee is a very dedicated and capable individual, but that he is not ready to accept ideas from outside of his own organization. He stated that nothing of an unfavorable nature has ever come to his attention concerning the appointee and he recommends him very highly as to his character, associates, reputation and loyalty.

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On 1/8/65. Congressman BARRATT O'HARA, from the state of Illinois, advised SA [ ] that he has known the appointee approximately four years because of his official duties as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He stated he believes the appointee to be of outstanding moral character and reputation and has never been aware of anything of an unfavorable nature concerning the appointee. He stated the appointee is a loyal citizen and completely trustworthy, and he gives him the best of redommendations.

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In addition to the attached interviews mentioned above there are also ~~five~~ additional interviews attached from members of the House of Representatives.

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TO THE PHILIPPINES.

WILLIAMS IS A FORMER GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN WHO SERVED UNDER  
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN  
AFFAIRS.

THE SENATE ALSO APPROVED, WITH ONLY TWO DISSENTING VOTES, THE  
NOMINATION OF GEORGE W. BALL AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS.

REPUBLICANS STROM THURMOND, S.C., AND JOHN J. WILLIAMS, DEL.,  
BASED THEIR OPPOSITION ON BALL'S HANDLING OF THE OTTO OTEPKA SECURITY  
CASE WHEN BALL WAS SERVING AS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

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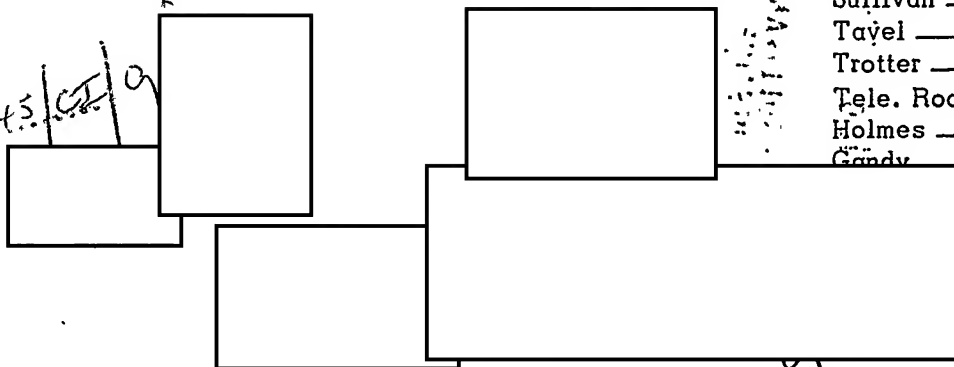
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(MOYERS)

WASHINGTON--THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY DENIED A REPORT THAT BILL D. MOYERS, THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY, IS IN LINE FOR THE POST OF UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED A REPORT TODAY THAT UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE W. BALL IS PLANNING TO LEAVE AUG. 31 AND MOYERS MAY SUCCEED HIM.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY ROBERT FLEMING SAID HE KNEW OF "NO BASIS" FOR THE REPORT.

MOYERS IS ON A WEEK'S VACATION. GEORGE CHRISTIAN, FORMER PRESS SECRETARY TO GOV. JOHN E. CONNALLY OF TEXAS AND NOW A NEW SPECIAL ASSISTANT AT THE WHITE HOUSE, IS LENDING FLEMING A HAND IN THE PRESS OFFICE.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD  
MAY 18, 1968

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Mr. Callahan's memorandum, 5/14/68, reviewed the Congressional Record of the previous day and noted comments made by Senator Strom Thurmond (Democrat - South Carolina) concerning the proposed appointment of George W. Ball as Ambassador to the United Nations. Senator Thurmond criticized Mr. Ball's handling of the Otto Otepka case wherein severe administrative action was taken by State against Otepka, its employee, for furnishing classified material to a Congressional Committee. Thurmond charged that Ball was aware of State's "Division of Technical Services" and of alleged improper actions by it. The Director asked "What do we know of the Division of Technical Services of State Department? Is it still in existence?"

(S) Liaison has determined that State, since the 1940's, has had a defensive technical program designed to detect the presence of hostile technical devices. This is the group that "sweeps" our Embassies and other installations throughout the world looking for hostile devices. In 1962 the group was reorganized and has, since that time, been known as the Division of Technical Services of the Office of Security. Mr. Marvin Gentile, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security, advises that the group has never conducted any active technical activities. He was aware of Thurmond's statements and said that they are entirely due to completely false material circulated by the publisher of "The Government Employees Exchange" who has defended Otepka and has made a number of charges without basis in fact.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Tavel
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- 1 - Mr. Bachner

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Memo D. J. Brennan to W. C. Sullivan

Re: The Congressional Record

May 13, 1963

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According to Mr. Gentile, Ambassador Ball would have had no occasion to be even aware of the existence of the Division of Technical Services as he had no responsibilities in the physical security area. Mr. Gentile said the Division continues to be an important but small group dedicated to maintaining the physical security of State's installations.

ACTION:

Prepared in response to the Director's inquiry.

W.C.S.

*[Handwritten initials]*

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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-12-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E5188-E5189.

extended his remarks concerning George W. Ball, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations. He stated "Mr. Ball will be remembered by many for his unconvincing testimony before the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Special Preparedness Subcommittee in 1962 as to censoring military officers and his belief that we are not at war with communism. He included an article by Frank Capell from the Herald of Freedom for May 31. This article makes reference to Mr. Ball's connection with a "secret electronics espionage laboratory" in the State Department. It also makes reference to a May 7 memorandum the Government Employees Exchange delivered to Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, setting forth an exact physical description of the electronics laboratory, and a history of its use. Mr. Capell quotes from the memorandum as follows: "In later 1962 and in 1963, the White House and the Office of Attorney General requested the facility to carry out certain operations they did not wish the FBI to monitor. Mr. Ball was fully informed of the reasons for the White House decision and he understood the use being made of the facility."

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*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-14-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages E4225-E4226. Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, extended his remarks concerning a phone monitoring facility at the State Department and its relationship to the nomination of Mr. George W. Ball as United States Ambassador to the United Nations. He set forth a brief summary of information on this matter which appeared in previous Congressional Records. He included with his remarks two articles from the May 11 issue of the Chicago Tribune entitled "Confirmation of George W. Ball" written by Willard Edwards and "Senate OK's Ball as U. S. Envoy to U. N. — Accused of Covering up Perjury Charges" written by Philip Dodd. Mr. Edwards' article makes reference to information supplied to Mr. Ashbrook by the Government Employees Exchange, a weekly for Federal Government workers. Mr. Edwards states "This report noted that five rooms, numbered 3803, 3805, 3808, 3809 and 3810, were sealed off from remaining rooms on the third floor by a locked door. - - - The facilities of the third-floor 'laboratory' were used to monitor and record conversations between state department officials and the White House, Capitol hill, newspaper offices, and all other government departments. It was used during Ball's tenure, the report said, by the central intelligence agency and by the attorney general's office, then headed by Robert F. Kennedy, 'to carry out certain operations they did not wish the Federal Bureau of Investigation to monitor.'"

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*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-14-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages S5406-S5417. The Senate discussed the nominations of G. Mennen Williams, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Philippines; and of George W. Ball, of New York, to be United States representative to the United Nations and to the Security Council of the United Nations. These nominations were confirmed. Senator Thurmond, (R) South Carolina, spoke in opposition to the nomination of Mr. Ball and stated "The basis of my objection is Mr. Ball's performance in the case of Otto Otepka." Mr. Thurmond sets forth a brief history of the Otepka case. Mr. Thurmond placed in the Record excerpts from the 1963 testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee regarding the Otepka case. Mr. Thurmond went on to state "Without passing judgment on the extent of wiretapping at State, it is difficult to understand why Mr. Ball denied all knowledge of such operations, denying even that the facility existed. On May 7, the Government Employees Exchange delivered to Representative John Ashbrook a memorandum setting forth an exact physical description of the electronics laboratory, and a history of its use." This memorandum is set forth in the Record. This memorandum states "Effective January 15, 1962, a new Division of Technical Services was created by the Department. - - - Its first chief was John Iams, - - - . In early 1962, Mr. Iams 'recruited' Elmer Dewey Hill, - - - . In mid-summer 1962, Mr. Iams was 'assigned' to the National War College and Mr. Hill then assumed full control of the Division of Technical Services. In late evening and early morning hours, Mr. Hill allowed CIA officers to enter the 'island'. In later 1962 and in 1963, the White House and the Office of the Attorney General requested the facility to carry out certain operations they did not wish the FBI to monitor. Mr. Ball was fully informed of the reason for the White House decision and he understood the use being made of the facility." Mr. Thurmond placed other miscellaneous material in the Record.

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Honorable George W. Ball  
United States Representative  
to the United Nations  
799 United Nations Plaza  
New York, New York 10017

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DATE 12/6/85 BY 9145/02

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for the very favorable comments in your letter of September 20th concerning the work of my associates in a matter of interest to the United States. I am certainly pleased to learn they were able to be of assistance to you and I know they will appreciate, as I do, your generous remarks and thoughtful letter.

You may be assured of our cooperation in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - New York - Enclosure

Personal Attention SAC: Bring to the attention of appropriate personnel.

NOTE: Bufiles indicate Mr. Ball was the subject of a favorable applicant-type investigation conducted in 1965 at the request of the Department of State. He was appointed U.S. Representative to the United Nations to replace Arthur Goldberg.

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall

and mentioned specifically the "Chicago Tribune," the "St. Louis Globe Democrat," and a broadcast or telecast by the National Broadcasting Company.

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The foregoing information is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Date: 10/1/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (58-1103) (C)

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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, etc.  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST MATTER

ReWFOairtel and LHM, 9/27/68.

On 10/1/68, [redacted] of "The Government Employees Exchange" contacted SA ROBERT F. MILNE, II, and asked whether or not this matter was under investigation by the FBI. He was told that agent could make no comment as to whether or not a particular matter was under investigation by the FBI. He was advised that the information he had furnished had been made a matter of official record and passed on through appropriate channels. [redacted] said he wanted something from the FBI; specifically, information as to whether or not the allegations in the anonymous letter dated 8/22/68, were true or untrue. He was advised that as an investigative agency the FBI could make no statement to him such as this.

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[redacted] stated that the Chicago Tribune last Sunday (9/29/68) published a portion of the letter without verification of its contents. He said there was also a broadcast (or telecast) on NBC (National Broadcasting Company) which made reference to the same subject matter as did the anonymous letter. He suggested that the FBI get a copy of the referenced paper and the tapes of the broadcast.

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[redacted] said he wants to make a news story, but he does not want to ruin a man, which he implied would happen to

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Approved: Joseph D. Purcell  
Special Agent in Charge

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GEORGE BALL should the information be published and not be true. [ ] said he tried to call Mr. BALL last night, but spoke to Mrs. BALL instead. She said she did not know where her husband was. She would neither confirm nor deny the information as contained in the anonymous letter.

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[ ] indicated that he was disturbed that the information in the letter is appearing in news sources, and yet he cannot make use of it because he does not want to publish something in his paper if it was not true and might do harm to someone.

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[ ] also mentioned the St. Louis Globe Democrat as another news media in which reference had been made to the contents of the letter.

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[ ] said the matter (letter and/or the content of the letter) had today denied (ABE) FORTAS the nomination (sic) to the position of Chief Justice.

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[ ] said he had more information but would not furnish this to the FBI until "you produce something for us." It was repeated to [ ] that the FBI could not give out information such as he was requesting. He was insistent and said if he had "to get into the FBI," he would get into the FBI. When asked for clarification as to what he meant by this remark, [ ] said he had "leads into the FBI" that would surprise agent, but he would hate to use them; he preferred to obtain the information simply by asking for it. He was cautioned that his statement might be interpreted as referring to something illegal if he meant getting information improperly. He said he was not making reference to anything illegal.

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[ ] commented that there was "another letter floating around" but gave no specific explanation as to exactly what he meant by this.

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[ ] said he had just "OK'd" a new paper (new edition of the Exchange, apparently), and he was disturbed that he might be missing a good news story. He repeated that he did not want to hurt anyone by publishing something that was not true.

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[ ] said he had discussed the anonymous letter with [ ] of the Democratic National Committee, and [ ] told him to go ahead and publish it.

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It was clearly explained to [ ] by SA MILNE that agent could not give out any information, nor could the Bureau answer a question such as he was asking.

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Above for information.

The Attorney General

October 7, 1968

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Director, FBI

161-121-64

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Shanley

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)

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Reference is made to my letter dated October 2, 1968, captioned as above, which reported information furnished to this Bureau's Washington Field Office by [redacted] "The Government Employees' Exchange," a biweekly newspaper published at Washington, D. C., concerning Mr. George Wildman Ball, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

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[redacted] telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office on October 1, 1968, and asked whether this matter was under investigation by the FBI and whether the allegations were true. He was advised that the information he had previously furnished had been made a matter of official record but that no additional information could be furnished to him. [redacted] stated that there was "another letter floating around" but did not elaborate on this information.

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[redacted] is desirous of confirming the contents of the anonymous letter and stated he had telephonically contacted Mrs. George Ball the night of September 30, 1968, and that she neither confirmed nor denied the information in the letter. [redacted] also said he had discussed the letter with [redacted] of the Democratic National Committee who told him to go ahead and publish it.

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[redacted] stated that other news sources have published the information in the anonymous letter and mentioned specifically the "Chicago Tribune," the "St. Louis

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NOTE: See cover memorandum Rosen to DeLoach same caption, dated 10/4/68. JFS:DC

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**The Attorney General**

**Globe Democrat," and a broadcast or telecast by the National Broadcasting Company.**

**No investigation is being conducted of the information furnished by**

**The foregoing information is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall, The White House, Washington, D. C.**

**1 - The Deputy Attorney General**

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October 7, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Bolz  
1 - Mr. Shanley

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

This is with reference to my letter of  
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to this Bureau's Washington Field Office by [redacted]

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JFS:DC NOTE: See cover memorandum-Rosen to DeLoach,  
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United States Ambassador to the United  
Nations, Information Concerning," dated  
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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# Ball Feared for Policy Under Nixon

By Drew Pearson  
 and Jack Anderson

The full story of George Ball's sudden resignation as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, a position of Cabinet rank, has not yet been told.

Officially it is known that Ball told President Johnson he could not stand on the sidelines and see American foreign policy jeopardized by the election of Richard Nixon, a man whose shoot-from-the-hip speeches as Vice President had come near upsetting President Eisenhower's co-existence policy.

Ball told LBJ he wanted to get out and campaign for Humphrey right away.

"I guess Hubert needs you more than the United Nations," the President said, and accepted Ball's resignation.

However, this was not all of the story.

Before making his decision, Ball had flown to Paris to check on the truce talks to see whether his getting into the political campaign would hurt them. He discovered quite the contrary.

For, on at least two occasions, Ambassador Averell Harriman had been on the verge of real success in negotiating with the North Vietnamese, only to have the rug pulled out from under him in Washington.

Either President Johnson,

or some of those close to him, obviously did not want to make any concessions toward a truce. The President had kept a tight rein on his negotiators, Harriman and Cyrus Vance, despite the fact that they are two of the most experienced negotiators to represent the United States in recent years.

### HHH Is Cut Off

Furthermore, Ball discovered that Vice President Humphrey had been deliberately barred from seeing the Vietnam diplomatic cables ever since he opposed LBJ on Vietnam war policy in January, 1966. Prior to that time, the Vice President had seen all confidential cables pertaining to the war and to peace efforts to end the war. But in January, 1966, he was suddenly cut off.

This followed a period when the Vice President had privately opposed the bombing of North Vietnam.

The decision to bomb the North was taken at 2 a.m. Feb. 7, 1965, at a White House conference called after the Vietcong had staged a brilliant sneak attack on Pleiku which destroyed a number of American planes.

Ball had attended that conference as acting Secretary of State and had opposed the decision to bomb. However, the Joint Chiefs of Staff had long wanted to bomb the North, a policy advocated by

Sen. Barry Goldwater and opposed by President Johnson all during the 1964 election.

Nevertheless, Mr. Johnson, though only 17 days in office after defeating Goldwater, reversed himself at the midnight White House conference, overruled Ball, and accepted the military's advice.

Vice President Humphrey was not present at the midnight meeting. But thereafter he expressed private opposition to the bombing. He remained loyal to the President as far as any public statements were concerned, but he did speak out repeatedly inside the National Security Council of which he is a member.

Finally, he was cut off from the routine Vietnamese cables. On occasion, when the President wanted the Vice President to make a policy speech supporting the war, he was given special, spoonfed briefings. But the regular flow of telegrams has never been resumed.

### Blocking TV Debate

Republican House members did their best to save Nixon from a showdown debate with Hubert Humphrey. However, they were unable to prevent a vote on the "equal time" TV bill in the rules committee.

Rep. Dave Martin (R-Neb.) walked out in a huff just before the closed-door vote, snorting: "We all agreed that

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we wouldn't, m<sup>4</sup>, again to take up anything unless it was of a critical nature. This bill isn't critical. So I'm leaving."

When Chairman William Colmer (D-Miss.) called for a voice vote, Martin's four GOP colleagues on the committee—John Anderson, Ill., H. Allen Smith, Calif., James Quillen, Tenn., and Delbert Latta, Ohio—sat defiant in stony silence.

However, all of the Committee's ten Democrats, except Spark Matsunaga, Hawaii, who was absent, voted "aye," so the bill went to the House floor for final approval. Previously, there was a brief flareup when Rep. Ray Madden (D-Ind.) declared:

"We all know that the country is confused about this election. The best way to unconfuse it is to hold this TV debate so voters will have a chance to study the nominees at close range and make up their own minds about the issues."

"All you want to do is save Hubert Humphrey because his campaign is falling flat," disputed Quillen of Tennessee.

"That's ridiculous," shot back Madden. "The people are entitled to know how the various nominees stand in a face-to-face encounter on the issues, and they won't know unless Nixon debates both Humphrey and George Wallace."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *PK*

DATE: October 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SYNOPSIS: By letter dated 10/2/68, we sent to the Attorney General and Mrs. Mildred Stegall, The White House, Washington, D. C., a copy of an anonymous letter made available to us by

[redacted] "The Government Employees' Exchange," a Washington, D. C., biweekly newspaper. The anonymous writer alleged that Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations George Wildman Ball maintained his position as partner in Lehman Brothers and solicited business for that company while Ambassador to the United Nations. We advised that no investigation of this matter was being conducted.

[redacted] has recontacted our Washington Field Office (WFO) and asked whether this matter was under investigation and whether the allegations in the anonymous letter were true. He was advised that the information he furnished had been made a matter of official record but that no additional information could be furnished to him. [redacted] said he had more information but would not furnish this until "you (FBI) produce something for us." He said if the FBI could not give out the requested information he would "get into the FBI" and said he had "leads into the FBI." [redacted] is desirous of publishing the information in the anonymous letter and has attempted to contact Mr. Ball to confirm the contents thereof. He said he had discussed the letter with [redacted] the Democratic National Committee who told him to go ahead and publish it.

ACTION: Attached is a letter to the Attorney General, together with a letter to Mrs. Mildred Stegall, The White House, advising them of further contact with WFO by [redacted] and that no investigation is being conducted.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
Re: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

DETAILS: By letter dated 10/2/68, we forwarded to the Attorney General and Mrs. Stegall, respectively, a copy of an anonymous letter received by [redacted]

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[redacted] "The Government Employees' Exchange," a Washington, D. C., biweekly newspaper. The anonymous letter was furnished to our Washington Field Office (WFO) which reported it by memorandum. The anonymous writer alleged that George Wildman Ball maintains his position as a working participating member of the firm of Lehman Brothers and solicits new business for that company using the prestige and connections of his Government position of U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations. We advised both the Attorney General and Mrs. Stegall that no investigation of this matter was being conducted.

On 10/1/68, [redacted] telephonically contacted our WFO and asked whether this matter was under investigation by the FBI and whether the allegations in the anonymous letter were true. He was advised that the information he had previously furnished had been made a matter of official record but that no additional information could be furnished to him. [redacted] said he had more information but would not furnish this to the FBI until "you produce something for us." He said that if the FBI could not give out the information he was requesting he would "get into the FBI" and said he had "leads into the FBI." [redacted] said he was not making reference to anything illegal in this regard.

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[redacted] said that other news sources are publishing the information in the anonymous letter and mentioned the "Chicago Tribune" issue of 9/29/68, and the "St. Louis Globe Democrat," no date given. He also said the National Broadcasting

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Company had made reference to the same subject matter as that of the anonymous letter in a broadcast or telecast.

stated that there was "another letter floating around" but did not elaborate upon this.

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The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Stegall:

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a memorandum dated September 27, 1968, at Washington, D. C., together with one copy of an article captioned "'Probe' of Ball, Fortas Begins," taken from the August 7, 1968, issue of "The Government Employees' Exchange," a biweekly newspaper published in Washington, D. C.

The memorandum reports the receipt of an anonymous letter dated August 22, 1968, by [redacted]

[redacted] above newspaper. The anonymous writer alleges that Mr. Ball maintains his position as a working member of the firm of Lehman Brothers and continues to solicit new business for that company using the prestige and connections of his Government position of Ambassador to the United Nations. The writer also alleges that Mr. Ball employs as his associate in Lehman Brothers a former State Department employee, one [redacted] who obtains inside information from the Office of Foreign Direct Investments and acts as liaison between Lehman Brothers and the State Department.

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The foregoing information is also being furnished  
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Sincerely yours,

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Alger Hiss  
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# 'Probe' Of Ball Fortas Begins

## Working Group To Report Findings On International Connections To Congress

A crash intelligence research "probe" to ascertain the "international interlocking directorate" and the practice of "cronyism" between friends of Ambassador George Wildman Ball and Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas has been launched by a "working group," it was revealed to this newspaper on August 1.

The "probe" followed the revelation by *The Exchange* in its July 24th issue that, if elected President, Hubert Humphrey, would appoint Mr. Ball as the next Secretary of State, to succeed Dean Rusk.

According to the source of information, who has important political, diplomatic and banking ties, the "probe" is taking the form of several special reports to be made available to Congress when it reassembles in September, following the Republican and Democratic Party conventions.

### Abe Fortas

Mr. Fortas' nomination as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is now pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee where action was blocked in the last days of the Senate before the current recess by a "continuing objection" on the Senate floor by Senator Strom Thurmond to any

Committee meetings while the Senate was in session. Mr. Thurmond is the leading opponent of Mr. Fortas' nomination.

### George Ball

Readers of *The Exchange* will recall that Senator Thurmond had spoken and voted, on May 13, against the nomination of George W. Ball as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations. In commenting on Mr. Ball's role in the perjury case of three State Department officials who lied under oath to members of the Senate, the South Carolina Senator stated that, in Mr. Ball's case, "the effect of these actions is to condone falsehood."

### Lehman Brothers

A main subject of the "probe," the source stated, was the international and national lobbying activities of Lehman Brothers International, an affiliate of the banking firm of Lehman Brothers.

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## INTERLOCKING

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The ties of this firm with the prestigious law firm of Arnold, Porter and Fortas are now under investigation, especially because of important tax issues handled personally by Mrs. Carolyn Agger Fortas and her previous association with Sheldon S. Cohen, a former partner now on leave of absence from the firm to serve as Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service.

### "Directorate"

Even more important, the source claimed, were the ties of Lehman Brothers to the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Ball with offices in Washington, New York, Paris and Brussels. According to the source, information has been developed that the firm has carried out important political assignments for the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency. The "banking, diplomatic, espionage and political interlocking directorate" constituted by this firm is "perhaps without precedent in American history," the source stated. The firm of Cleary,

Gottlieb, Steen and Ball, has ties to the principal international copper producers and to uranium and diamond mining, the source revealed.

### Adam Yarmolinsky

Also included in the series of studies is the case of Adam Yarmolinsky, formerly the principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and, between 1951-1955, a member of the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Ball, the name under which Mr. Ball's firm appeared at the time.

### Raymond Loughton

The role of the "removal," by transfer, of Security Officer Raymond A. Loughton from the Department of Defense, following his refusal to give a security clearance to Mr. Yarmolinsky has never been clarified. Following his departure from the Department of Defense, Mr. Loughton was hired by Otto F. Otepka, then the Department of State's top Security Officer, as a Security Evaluator for the Department. Subsequently, when Mr. Otepka came under attack following his refusal to clear Walt Whitman Rostow, Mr. Loughton was "persuaded" to take an appointment in the Foreign Service, where he has been serving abroad in a "secondary administrative job" not related to his previous career as a Security Evaluator.

### Missing Nazi Files

Asked whether the "intelligence research probe" would also look into the case of "selected out" Foreign Service Officer, Stephen A. Koczak, the source stated that the investigators are interested in that case only insofar as it touched on national security matters, most especially in the disappearance of captured Nazi and German government files on international banking and investment firms and export and import companies. In elaboration, the source stated that it has now been definitely established that large sections of captured Nazi files on the relations of German and Nazi bankers and industrialists with American and British counterparts have "vanished." Some of the missing files include those on Nazi industrial leaders who were interviewed in the Summer of 1945 by a team headed

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by the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey whose Director was George Ball, the informant said.

### Bombing Survey

The "probe" is evaluating the connections of Lehman Brothers in the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, and of the influence of Mrs. Helen Buttenwieser, the niece of Herbert Lehman, one of the founders of the firm. Mrs. Helen Buttenwieser, a lawyer, was the attorney for Alger Hiss during the trial that resulted in his conviction for perjury. Her husband was appointed Deputy U.S.

High Commissioner for Germany, serving under John J. McCloy, and, in the latter's frequent absences from Germany, was Acting High Commissioner.

### Howard Trivers

Among the missing files in which the "working party" is interested, the source added, was the one maintained by the Nazi Party and German government on Foreign Service Officer, Howard Trivers, currently the American Consul General in Zurich, Switzerland. Readers of this newspaper will recall that Mr. Trivers, together with Ambassador E. Allen Lightner, and Foreign Service Officer, Thomas A. Donovan, had been identified by "selected out" Foreign Service Officer Stephen A. Koczak as a party to the destruction of the original pages of Mr. Koczak's efficiency report and the substitution of forged and backdated substitute pages. A brother of Mr. Trivers, Paul, has been identified by witnesses as a member of the Communist Party who was active in Hollywood both during and immediately after World War II.

### Thomas Donovan

Mr. Donovan has been identified in a report, issued by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, as involved in the so-called "Warsaw Sex and Spy Scandals." As readers will recall, Mr. Donovan was transferred from Warsaw, Poland, under orders to leave that post following the revelations of his involvement with Polish movie "starlets" later identified as espionage agents of the Polish Communist government. Subsequently, in Berlin, he became Mr. Koczak's superior and wrote the controversial efficiency report which Mr. Koczak claims contains backdated and substituted pages.

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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
Former United States Ambassador  
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On September 27, 1968, [redacted]

[redacted] "The Government Employees' Exchange," a biweekly paper, 1913 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., furnished to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation a copy of an anonymous letter dated August 22, 1968, at New York, New York, which he said he had received in the mail at Washington, D. C., about two weeks ago (on or about September 13, 1968). He stated he no longer had the envelope in which the letter was received; to his recollection it was a letter-size envelope with the return address torn off and "blocked out." [redacted] declined to furnish the original copy of the letter, which he displayed, stating that he would retain same in his possession. Examination of the original letter showed that it was typewritten on onion skin paper, bearing watermark "Caravan Onion Skin, 25% Cotton Fibre, USA." The typewritten lettering on the original copy appeared to be slightly larger than the typing on the reproduction of the letter which [redacted] furnished. [redacted] explained that his copying machine reduced the original material slightly in size. A copy of the letter follows:

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New York, N.Y.

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Washington, D.C. 20000

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Dear [redacted]

Anonymous letters are not, and rightly so, usually well regarded. However, I have no choice but to address myself to you without identifying myself. As an employee of the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton my job would be at stake if I were known to have written this letter which has been stimulated by your article in the August 7th issue of the Exchange on the subject, among others, of George Ball and Lehman Brothers and C.G.S. & H.

While I am an admirer of Mr. Ball's ability I have been shocked and sickened by the cynical and flagrant use of his government relations by Lehman Brothers. Even now, as the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., Mr. Ball continues to serve Lehman Brothers, and keeps his office there, and makes business appointments there, and actually maintains fully his position as a working, participating member of that firm. He attends partners' meetings and continues to solicit new business for Lehman Brothers, using the great prestige and connections of his government position. The U.N. job is a clear case of moonlighting, and undertaken not only for obvious reasons, but to advance the business ambitions of Lehman Brothers, and indirectly, C.G.S. & H.

Until George Ball became head of Lehman Brothers, it was completely inactive as a banker for foreign governments or agencies. It had no clients in this area. But the minute Mr. Ball became associated with that

domestic banking house it began to do business with and for foreign governments. The list of Mr. Ball's deals in this area is impressive. Ball/Lehman in the past two years have done the following financing:

\$140 million for Austrian Government.

\$80 million for Finnish government-owned utilities.

\$10 million for government of the Ivory Coast.

\$25 million for the Argentine Government

X millions for the Export-Import Bank.

For someone who never functioned in the banking business until two years ago, Mr. Ball's record is impressive. But it is apparent how he gets this business: the connections of which he always boasts and which he does not hesitate to use, even in his present office as U.N. Ambassador. It is known that there are several deals pending with European, South American, and African governments, not yet announced as the others above have been, which were taken away from the countries' usual bankers by Mr. Ball because the countries involved could not resist doing business with such an influential person as the U.N. Ambassador, former Asst. Secy of State, and possible future Secy.

Mr. Ball has also not hesitated to employ as his associate in Lehman Brothers a former State Department employee named [redacted] who acts as leg man for Lehman in Washington. He gets inside information from the Office of Foreign Direct Investments, useful for knowing what clients can do and get in the complicated business of overseas financing. He also is the liaison between Lehman and the State Department, as well as Ball's personal representative in discussing new business with foreign governments, especially when Mr. Ball cannot or should not undertake to do it.

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C.G.S. & H. have also fared well by Ball's job in Lehman. That law firm is now counsel for Lehman, replacing other firms who served Lehman for decades. Although he is not nominally a partner here at C.G.S. & H., it would appear, by his frequent presence at the office, and almost daily consultations, that he is. Certainly, C.G.S. & H. have never had it so good since Ball undertook to operate on three levels: Lehman's, C.G.S. & H. and "public service". The man deserves credit. He has been able to exploit his government relations not only for himself but for his banking and his law firms, in each of which he has a direct and indirect beneficial interest, in contemptuous disregard of the better traditions of the legal profession.

It is enough to make one sick.

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

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Former United States Ambassador  
to the United Nations  
and Former Undersecretary of State,  
United States Department of State  
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Attached for Bureau are three copies of LHM captioned "GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, etc". One copy of LHM attached for New York for information. Also enclosed for Bureau is copy of clipping from 8/7/68 issue of "The Government Employees' Exchange" as furnished by [redacted] (not reproduced because of copyright).

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This information being sent to Bureau for dissemination to the Department of Justice.

In view of prominence of GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, no action contemplated by WFO until instructions received from Bureau.

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The Attorney General

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The foregoing information is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall, The White House, Washington, D. C.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosures 2)





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR  
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On November 8, 1968, [redacted]

[redacted] "The Government Employees' Exchange," 1913 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., contacted a Special Agent of the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised that the anonymous letter dated August 22, 1968, regarding George Ball, which [redacted] furnished to the FBI on September 27, 1968, had appeared in its entirety in a publication entitled "Liberty Low Down," a Liberty Lobby publication, in its issue Number 69, November, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (58-1103)

GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, etc.  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST MATTER  
*copies made of cover page  
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RE 50-A Silver Dollar  
for review  
HSCA re 1-26-78  
(See Bufile #58-117390)*

ReWFOairtel 10/1/68. Enclosed for Bureau are 4 copies LHM 11/14/68, captioned GEORGE WILDMAN BALL, Former United States Ambassador to the U. N., summarizing information which appears in details below, in event Bureau should wish to make dissemination to the Department of Justice.

On 11/8/68 [redacted] The Government Employee's Exchange," contacted SA ROBERT F. MILNE, II, and advised that the anonymous letter dated 8/22/68 re: GEORGE BALL, which [redacted] furnished to the FBI on 9/27/68, had appeared in its entirety in a publication entitled "Liberty Low Down," a Liberty Lobby publication, in its issue number 69, November, 1968.

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[ ] furnished the following information concerning "Liberty Low Down/Liberty Lobby" publication, which he indicated he had obtained from Group Research Report, 1407 New York Ave., N.W. Liberty Low Down has a circulation of 210,000 copies.

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Liberty Lobby is a group which presses for legislation, and it is definitely "right wing" organization that also publishes Liberty Low Down, an emergency letter, tabloid and pamphlets; they do not (actually) publish the paper themselves. The address of [ ]

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[ ] of Liberty Lobby, is 300 Independence Avenue, S.E., WDC.

An [ ] named [ ] (ph) in the same building has previously represented for Liberty Lobby, but is not a member of the immediate staff, which consists of about ten people.

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Chairman of Liberty Lobby is CURTIS B. DALL, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT's former son-in-law, believed to live in Philadelphia.

DREW PEARSON, (columnist), is now in litigation with Liberty Lobby.

The power behind the group, [ ] resides somewhere in [ ] the "Washington Observer." [ ] is or was connected with "American Mercury."

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[ ] (or [ ]) contains information concerning [ ] of Liberty Letter.

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GEORGE BALL

Attached are copies of summary memoranda dated February 6, 1961, and January 14, 1965, regarding George Wildman Ball, who appears to be identical with captioned individual. These memoranda reveal the results of applicant-type investigations conducted by the FBI during 1961 and 1965. It is noted you indicated captioned is affiliated with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, 1250 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The Internal Revenue Service has advised that income tax returns were timely filed by Ball for the years 1961 - 1963. There was no record of unpaid taxes, liens, audit examinations, or intelligence investigations with regard to those returns.

In November, 1968, a representative of a news publication furnished the FBI a copy of an anonymous letter from an individual who stated he was an employee of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton. The writer of this letter indicated he was shocked and sickened by the fact that Ball, then U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, continues to serve Lehman Brothers. He went on to write that the United Nations job is a clear case of moonlighting, and undertaken not only for obvious reasons but to advance the business ambitions of Lehman Brothers and indirectly Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton. This information was furnished to the United States Department of Justice and the FBI has received no request for additional investigation. (161-181)

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/29/77

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-114)

SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL  
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